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The following review of the Administration of Criminal Justice in the Province of Assam during the year 1892 has been prepared on the same system as its predecessors, and the statements which accompany it have been compiled in the form adopted in previous years. The reports of local officers on which it is based, were on the whole punctually submitted.

Area, population, and jurisdiction.

2. The area of the Province is now 28,755 square miles, or 1,221 square miles more than the area reported in the preceding five years. The population has also risen from 4,483,705 to 4,971,917. These figures have been obtained from the Census Report of the Province for 1891. The judicial divisions continue unchanged. *Annual Statement 1.*

I.—THE CRIMINAL COURTS.

3. As in previous years, two Sessions Judges and eight District Magistrates (Deputy Commissioners) were employed in the Province. Of the latter, only one (the Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet) did not exercise special powers under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Act X of 1882.

Magistrates.

4. The distribution and classes of Magistrates employed at the close of each of the last two years are shown below:—

	Stipendiary.		Honorary.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley Districts . . .	35	30	18	15
Sylhet and Cachar . . .	21	22	5	4
TOTAL .	56	52	23	19

Stipendiary Magistrates

5. Of the 52 Stipendiary Magistrates thus shown, 36 exercised powers of the first class, 10 of the second class, and 6 of the third class. The number of Magistrates of the first class remained the same as in the two preceding years, while there was a decrease of 3 and 1, respectively, in the number of Magistrates of the second and third classes. In Darrang and Cachar there was no change in the number of Magistrates. There was a decrease of two each in the districts of Kamrup and Sibsagar and of 1 each in the districts of Goalpara and Lakhimpur, while Nowgong and Sylhet each show an increase of one officer.

Honorary Magistrates and Benches.

6. As in the previous year, Honorary Magistrates were employed in all the districts of the Province with the exception of Goalpara and Cachar. No Benches of Magistrates have as yet been constituted in Assam.

In Nowgong three Honorary Magistrates, one vested with second class and two with third class powers, decided 457 cases as against 845 cases tried by the other Magistrates of the district, or more than one-third of the total number disposed of. In Sylhet Honorary Magistrates tried 509 cases concerning 661 persons as against 483 cases and 672 persons in 1891. In Kamrup, Sibsagar, Darrang and Lakhimpur, Honorary Magistrates disposed of, respectively, 29, 21, 13, and 11 cases in the course of the year.

II.—CRIME RETURNS.

Offences reported and cases rejected. *Tables A and B.*

7. Tables A and B appended to this report show the numbers of offences reported, of cases rejected or struck off as false, and of cases accepted as true. The general results for the years 1891 and 1892 are compared below :—

	Offences reported.	Rejected and struck off as false.	Accepted as true.
1891	28,931	7,893	21,038
1892	29,983	7,637	22,346

As compared with 1891, these figures show an increase of 1,052 in the number of offences reported and of 1,308 in the number accepted as true, and a decrease of 256 in the number of cases rejected and struck off as false.

The increase in the number of offences reported occurred in Sibsagar (427), Sylhet (241), Cachar (182), Nowgong (163) and Kamrup (153); while there was a decrease in the remaining districts of Darrang (64), Lakhimpur (42) and Goalpara (8). The increase in Sibsagar occurred in all the three sub-divisions of that district, the Sudder, Jorhat and Golaghat. In the two former sub-divisions the increase occurred only under special laws, there being a falling off in offences under the Penal Code. The increase in Sylhet appears to have been principally under Class VIII of offences under the Penal Code and under special laws. The increase in Cachar was almost entirely in respect of offences under Act XIII of 1859 and the Arms Act. The increase in Nowgong occurred in offences both under the Penal Code and under special laws. The increase in Kamrup is said to have been solely in offences under special laws, offences under the Penal Code showing a decrease.

Of the number of cases reported, the percentage rejected or struck off as false was 25·4 in the past as compared with 27·2 in the previous year. The following are the figures under each of the heads mentioned :—

	Complaints rejected.	Cases struck off as false.
1891	6,738	1,155
1892	6,698	939

The proportion of cases rejected and struck off as false was, as in the two preceding years, highest in Lakhimpur (35·1) and lowest in Goalpara (15·08).

Cases accepted as true.

8. The number of cases accepted as true was 22,346, or 74·5 per cent. of the offences reported in 1892, as compared with 21,038, or 72 72 per cent. of the number reported in 1891.

9. The following comparative statement shows in detail the number of cases returned as true and the number of persons convicted during each of the past three years:— Details of cases returned as true and of persons convicted.

	Cases returned as true.			Persons convicted.		
	1890.	1891.	1892.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Offences under the Penal Code .	15,099	15,349	15,457	6,906	7,591	7,646
Offences against special and local laws	4,971	5,689	6,889	3,766	4,537	5,564
	20,070	21,038	22,346	10,672	12,128	13,210

The increase in the number of cases returned as true under the Penal Code was chiefly in respect of offences affecting the human body (167). It was greatest in Nowgong (197) and Sylhet (185). The proportion of persons convicted in cases sent up as true was higher than in the preceding years.

10. The annexed Tables C and D furnish details for each district and exhibit the number of true cases and of persons convicted under each head of crime during each of the last two years. Details for each district. *Tables C and D.*

11. No offence under Chapter VI or Chapter VII of the Indian Penal Code was reported during the year under review. Offences under Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.

12. The number of offences against the public tranquillity was 770 in the past, as compared with 749 in the previous year. The greatest increase occurred in the district of Sylhet (32). Offences under Chapter VIII.

13. The number of offences relating to public servants was 374 in the past as against 426 in the preceding year. The decrease was most marked in Nowgong (83). Offences under Chapters IX and X.

14. The number of offences against public justice and false evidence was 345 in the past, as compared with 401 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in the districts of Sylhet (28), Nowgong (26), Sibsagar (22), Kamrup (8), and Cachar (1). The remaining three districts show an increase. Offences under Chapter XI.

15. The number of offences reported relating to coins, stamps and weights and measures, rose from 59 in 1891 to 79 in the past year. The increase occurred chiefly in Cachar (19). Offences under Chapters XII and XIII.

16. The total number of reported offences affecting public health and decency was 215 in the past, as compared with 212 in the preceding year. The variations in the different districts do not call for notice. Offences under Chapters XIV and XV.

17. The total number of reported offences against the human body was 8,797 in the past, as against 8,853 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred chiefly in Darrang (97), Sibsagar (90), Cachar (90), and Goalpara (48); while Sylhet shows a marked increase of 188. Offences under Chapter XVI.

18. The total number of reported offences against property fell from 10,620 in 1891 to 10,499 in the past year. The decrease occurred in the districts of Sylhet (134), Kamrup (129), and Lakhimpur (79). The remaining five districts show an increase, the greatest being in Nowgong (91) and Goalpara (78). Offences under Chapter XVII.

19. The number of miscellaneous offences reported under Chapters XVIII to XXII of the Indian Penal Code was 1,336 in 1892, as compared with 1,318 in the previous year. There was an increase in only three districts, Nowgong (33), Sibsagar (23), and Kamrup (14). In Darrang the number remained the same as in the previous year; while in the remaining districts there was a decrease, the greatest being returned for Cachar (34). The number of true cases was 583 as against 591 in 1891. The proportion of convictions to trials Offences under Chapters XVIII to XXII.

for offences under these Chapters of the Code was 31·2, as against 36·05 in 1891 Nowgong shows the highest proportion (42·3 per cent.), and Goalpara the lowest (15·6 per cent.).

Offences under special laws.

20. There was a further increase in the number of reported offences against local and special laws from 6,293 in 1891 to 7,568 in the past year. The increase was greatest, as in the previous year, in Sibsagar, and was contributed to by all the districts, except Lakhimpur which returns a decrease of 54.

Chief heads of crime.

21. The statement below shows the number of cases accepted as true and the number of persons convicted under some of the chief heads of crime during each of the past two years :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
3, 4, 5. Offences affecting public tranquillity	615	625	1,278	1,364
9. False evidence	76	48	34	18
15. Offences affecting public safety	74	60	42	35
19. Murder	26	43	4	4
21. Culpable homicide	27	31	10	8
30. Serious hurt	100	114	104	91
31, 34. Simple hurt and assault	5,214	5,406	2,275	2,209
26, 27. Causing miscarriage	2	1	...	...
40. Rape	19	15	4	3
42, 43. Theft	3,106	3,195	1,206	1,280
49, 50, 52. Dacoity	6	6	...	1
44, 47. Robbery and extortion	16	12	4	6
60, 61. House-trespass and burglary	1,132	1,070	176	173
58. Mischief (serious)	304	310	85	70
70. Offences relating to marriage	260	238	27	28

Cases of Murder

22. All of the four persons shown as having been convicted of murder during the past year were sentenced to transportation for life by the Courts of Session.

In the following districts the largest numbers of murders were reported during the last two years :—

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Nowgong	3	5	...	...
Darrang	6	3	2	...
Lakhimpur	2	6	...	...
Sibsagar	3	5	...	...
Sylhet	10	18	1	2

Culpable homicide.

23. Cases of culpable homicide were reported from all the districts in the Province, the largest number appearing, as in previous years, in the returns of Sylhet. Of 46 persons charged with this offence, 8 were convicted, 19 were acquitted, 1 died and 18 remained under trial at the close of the year.

Dacoity.

24. Cases of dacoity were reported from only four districts in the Province, *viz.*, Goalpara, Kamrup, Sylhet and Cachar. Of the 21 persons charged with this offence, 1 was convicted, 8 were acquitted, 2 escaped and 10 remained under trial at the close of the year.

House-trespass.

25. Only one case of house-trespass resulting in death or serious hurt was reported during the past year. It occurred in Darrang and the accused was discovered and convicted. Of the total number of persons brought to trial for house-trespass, 173 were convicted as already shown, 91 were acquitted and 20 remained under trial at the close of the year.

The proportion of conviction in cases of this class brought to trial during the past year is compared with the corresponding results of 1891 in the annexed statement:—

	Percentage			
	Of cases brought to trial.		Of persons convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Goalpara	21·6	18·5	42·1	74·07
Kamrup	28·	42·1	68·4	87·8
Nowgong	36·9	41·6	60·5	70·
Darrang	20·9	34·6	76·4	50·
Sibsagar	34·09	22·9	48·	76·7
Lakhimpur	36·06	28·5	65·06	69·4
Sylhet	9·01	9·1	37·6	45·3
Cachar	5·3	3·7	28·5	16·6

26. The statistics of offences relating to marriage show that of 645 offences reported during the year, 407 or 63·1 per cent. were either rejected or struck off as false. In the preceding year the percentage was 62·9. Offences relating to marriage.

The proportion of acquittals and discharges to the number of persons tried is given below:—

	Percentage acquitted or discharged.	
	1891.	1892.
Goalpara	64·2	50·
Kamrup	75·	88·8
Nowgong	80·	75·
Darrang	44·4	85·7
Sibsagar	73·07	76·4
Lakhimpur	86·6	66·6
Sylhet	80·	79·9
Cachar	100·	75·

27. The following are the principal special laws, breaches of the provisions of which are reported to have occurred during the last two years:— Special laws.

	Cases returned as true.		Persons convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Arms Act	295	411	270	363
Artificers' and Workmen's Act	400	638	140	209
Emigration Act	1,101	1,137	954	1,140
Cattle-Trespass Act	925	1,154	527	650
Excise Act	249	576	228	552
Municipal Acts	933	900	861	773
Police (District) Act	118	839	676	849

The increase in the number of cases under the Arms Act occurred in all the districts except Sibsagar which shows a slight decrease. The increase was most marked in Cachar (57) and Sylhet (24). The increase in Cachar is said to be "due to the fact that a larger number of failures to renew licenses was ordered to be brought to justice to ensure prompt renewal in future." A similar reason has been given for the increase in Sylhet. The increase in the number of infringements of the Artificers'-and Workmen's Act occurred almost entirely in Cachar (220). Sylhet, Nowgong and Goalpara show a decrease of 13, 2 and

1, respectively. The increase in the number of offences under the Cattle-Trespass Act occurred in all the districts except Darrang and Goalpara, which show a decrease of 22 and 2, respectively. All the districts, save Cachar, show an increase in the number of prosecutions under the Excise Act. It is most noticeable in Sibsagar and is reported by the Deputy Commissioner to be due to "special inducements" having been held out to Police Officers to take up Excise cases. The decrease in the number of prosecutions under the Municipal Act occurred in the districts of Lakhimpur (153) and Goalpara (34). No cases were reported from Nowgong and Darrang; while Sibsagar, Kamrup, Sylhet and Cachar show an increase of 74, 72, 6 and 2, respectively. With the exception of the districts of Cachar and Darrang, which show a decrease of 114 and 5, respectively, all the districts contribute to the increase in the number of cases under the Police Act. It was greatest in Kamrup (62), Goalpara (61) and Sylhet (60).

Miscellaneous cases under the Code of Criminal Procedure.

28. In Table F will be found statistics regarding the miscellaneous proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure taken during 1892.

Chapter VI. *Section 485.*

29. No proceedings against witnesses were taken under Section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during the past or the two preceding years.

Chapter VIII.

30. The number of cases decided and of persons who were required to give security under Chapter VIII of the Code during the past two years, are as follow:—

	Cases decided.		Persons convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Chapter VIII (Security for keeping the peace) .	129	142	230	259
„ „ (Security for good behaviour) . .	119	112	40	60

As in previous years, the majority of these cases occurred in Sylhet. The number of cases in which proceedings were instituted for the preservation of the peace increased in the districts of Sylhet (10), Cachar (7), Lakhimpur (5) and Nowgong (3). The remaining districts show a decrease varying from 1 to 6. Of 380 persons in the whole Province proceeded against, 259 were required to furnish security, and of this number 158 were bound down after conviction of offences actually committed. Proceedings in regard to security for good behaviour were instituted in 95 cases in the district of Sylhet, and in the other districts the figures varied from 1 to 7, except in Darrang, where there were no such cases. Of the 60 persons who were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 49 were unable to furnish such security, and of these 48 were ordered by Magistrates to be imprisoned in default for terms not exceeding one year, and the remaining one to a term exceeding that period, the order in the latter case being confirmed by the Sessions Judge.

Chapter X.

31. Proceedings for the suppression of local nuisances were taken in 37 cases, as compared with 40 in 1891. These cases occurred in the districts of Sylhet (22), Cachar (7), Lakhimpur (6), and Kamrup and Sibsagar (1 each). The total number of persons concerned was 91, and the orders initiating the proceedings were made absolute as against 55 of the defendants.

The number of cases referred under Section 138 of the Code was 20, as compared with 18* in the preceding year. In all of these cases the Jury either confirmed the orders of the Magistrate, or modified them so slightly that the alteration was accepted by the Court.

* Revised figures.

32. The number of cases instituted under Chapter XII of the Code of Criminal Procedure regarding the possession of tangible immoveable property was 6, as compared with 5 in the previous year. These cases occurred in the districts of Sylhet (3), and Goalpara, Sibsagar and Cachar (1) each. Chapter XII.

33. Five cases of Jurors or Assessors dealt with under the provisions of Section 332 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were reported in 1892, as against 9 in the previous year. These cases occurred in Kamrup (3), Goalpara (1), and Nowgong (1). In one case in Kamrup only was a penalty inflicted. Chapter XXIII *Section 332.*

34. Proceedings under Chapter XXXVI of the Code of Criminal Procedure were taken against 109 persons, as compared with 132 in the previous year. Of these, 31 were ordered to provide maintenance, and 76 were discharged, the cases of the remaining 2 persons being undecided at the close of the year. Cases of this class were most common in Sibsagar (40), Sylhet (21), and Lakhimpur (15). Chapter XXXVI.

35. Proceedings for the forfeiture of bail or recognizances under Chapter XLII of the Code were taken against 300 persons, as against 253 in 1891, and forfeiture was ordered in the case of 202 persons. Chapter XLII.

36. The number of complainants ordered to pay compensation to accused persons against whom it was found that frivolous or vexatious complaints had been lodged was 138, as compared with 130 in the preceding year. The amount of compensation awarded in connection with these cases amounted to ₹1,625-8-0, as against ₹1,566-8-0 in 1891. Chapter XLVI *Section 560.*

37. The general results of criminal trials during the period reviewed is given in the following table :— Result of trials in all Courts. *Tables A1 and B1.*

	1891.	1892.
Acquitted or discharged	8,202	7,998
Convicted	12,128	13,210
Percentage convicted	59·6	62·3

The percentage of persons convicted to persons tried in 1892 was greater than in any of the previous five years. It was highest in Sibsagar (69·32 per cent.) and lowest in Cachar (58·8 per cent.).

38. Statement 8, which furnishes details as to the general results of the trials of European British subjects, shows that during the year under review 35 cases involving 36 persons came before the Criminal Courts of the Province, the largest number being reported, as in the previous year, from Sibsagar (16), and Lakhimpur (9). No cases were reported from Goalpara and Kamrup. Nineteen persons were charged with assault, 9 in Sibsagar, 8 in Lakhimpur, and 1 each in Nowgong and Sylhet. Five persons were charged with hurt, 4 in Darrang and 1 in Sibsagar. One person in the district of Sibsagar claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, and one case in the same district was dealt with by an officer who was not himself an European British subject. Trial of European British subjects. *Statement 8.*

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

III.—THE HIGH COURT.

39. No cases of European British subjects were committed by the Criminal Courts in Assam to the High Court in its Original Jurisdiction during the year under review or during the preceding eleven years.

IV.—COURTS OF SESSION.

Number of original cases. *Table E.*

40. Statistics of cases, inclusive of references under Sections 34 and 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, brought to trial, decided and pending in Courts of Session in Assam during the years 1891 and 1892, are given below:—

	Brought to trial	Decided.	Pending.
1891	95	90	15
1892	91	81	24

The decrease in the number of Sessions trials occurred in the districts of Sibsagar (5), Darrang (4), Nowgong (2) and Lakhimpur (1). In Sylhet the number remained the same as in the preceding year, while the remaining districts of Cachar, Kamrup, and Goalpara show an increase of 4, 3 and 1, respectively.

The following statement shows for each of the last five years the number of days devoted by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts to Criminal Judicial work:—

1888	95
1889	46
1890	69
1891	63
1892	54

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code. *See Statement 4.*

41. The number of references to the Court of Session for confirmation of sentences passed by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was 8, as compared with 17 in the previous year. All of these references, including two that were pending at the beginning of the year, were disposed of. No such references were made during the year under review by the Deputy Commissioners of Goalpara, Darrang, Lakhimpur and Sylhet.

Average duration.

42. The average duration of cases tried on commitment and of references under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, disposed of by the Courts of Session in each of the last two years, is given below:—

	Average number of days during which each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Cases of persons committed	52 3	41·5	40·8	56 18	74 2	40
Cases referred under Section 34, Code of Criminal Procedure	16 8	26	...	...	...	23

Number of persons committed.

43. Inclusive of persons whose cases remained undecided at the close of 1891, the total number of persons under trial in the several Courts of Session in the Province was 189. Of these, 1 died, 2 escaped, 147 were tried, and 39 remained under trial at the close of the year.

Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table G.*

44. The result of trials in each of the past two years is shown in the subjoined statement:—

	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Referred.
1891	104	95	1
1892	79	66	2

45. Sentences of death passed subject to confirmation by the High Court being included, the proportion of persons convicted was 45·5 per cent., as compared with 48 per cent. in the previous year. The ratio was lower in Nowgong (16·6 per cent.). Convictions.

46. Annual Statement 7 shows that 18 cases were tried by Jury in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts. In 15 of the cases tried by Sessions Courts, the Judge approved of the verdict of the Jury, in 1 he wholly disapproved, and in the remaining 2 cases, he partially disapproved of the verdict. The case in which the Judge wholly disagreed with the verdict of the Jury was referred to the High Court, but it was not tried during the year. Jury Trials. *Statement 7.*

47. The number of cases tried with the assistance of Assessors in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar was 48, as compared with 47 in 1891. In 31 cases the Sessions Judge concurred with the Assessors, in 10 he differed from the opinion of one, and in 7 he rejected the finding of both. Trial by Assessors.

48. The number of witnesses examined in the Courts of Sessions was 497, as against 641 in the preceding year. The decrease occurred in all the districts except Goalpara. Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 399, as against 411 in 1891.

49. The amount of diet money paid to witnesses attending Sessions was R895, as compared with R1,246 in the previous year. Of this sum R65 were expended in the Sessions Courts of the Assam Valley Districts, and the balance in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet and Cachar. Witnesses expenses.

50. The total number of witnesses in attendance before the Courts of Sessions (inclusive of those discharged* without examination) was 896, as compared with 1,052 in the previous year. Detention of witnesses. *Table K.*

	* Number of witnesses discharged. On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1891 .	639	317	51	45
1892 .	549	238	28	81

The 81 persons discharged after the third day were detained in the Sessions Courts at Sylhet (18), and Cachar (63). The Sessions Judge gives the following explanation for the detention of witnesses at Sylhet:—

"In the June Sessions there were two counter-cases, one fixed for the 18th and the other for the 20th June 1892, the 19th being Sunday. In the case fixed for the 18th, eighteen witnesses appeared on that date, but they were not finally discharged till the close of the counter-case fixed for the 20th, the trial of which lasted up to the 21st when they were finally discharged."

As regards the detention of witnesses at Cachar, the Sessions Judge states as follows:—

"In one case fixed for the 16th May 1892, 40 witnesses attended on that day, but as the commitment record of the case was not received on account of delay in the Post Office, the case was adjourned to the 18th, and they were finally discharged on the 19th. In another case fixed for the 21st May 1892, 23 witnesses appeared on that day, and the case was adjourned to the 23rd for want of time (the 22nd being Sunday), and the witnesses were finally discharged on the 24th."

In neither case have these prolonged detentions been explained to have been unavoidable.

V.—COURTS OF MAGISTRATES.

51. The number of cases brought to trial, decided and pending in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the past two years is shown below:— Number of cases. *Table E.*

	Brought to trial.	Decided.	Pending.
1891	13,103	13,042	355
1892	14,079	14,090	327

The increase in the number of cases brought to trial occurred in all the districts except Darrang, which shows a decrease, and was greatest in Sibsagar (386), Sylhet (242) and Nowgong (212). The number of cases disposed of during the year was also greater.

Summary trials. *Statement 4.*

52. The total number of cases tried summarily by Magistrates is shown in the following statement:—

	1891.	1892
Tried under ordinary procedure	8,418	8,263
„ summarily	4,624	5,827
TOTAL .	13,042	14,090

Of the number of cases tried during the year, 41·3 per cent., as compared with 35·4 per cent. in 1891, were dealt with summarily. There was an increase in the number of summary trials in the districts of Sibsagar (626), Sylhet (582), Kamrup (196), Nowgong (64), and Cachar (7), and a decrease in the remaining districts of Lakhimpur (159), Darrang (68), and Goalpara (45). Of the 5,827 cases tried summarily, 367 were tried by the Deputy Commissioners of the six districts in the Assam Valley, 46 by the Deputy Commissioners of Sylhet and Cachar, and the remaining 5,414 by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners exercising powers of the first class.

Disposal of cases

53. The following statement shows the number of cases decided by the several grades of Magistrates during the last two years:—

		1891.	1892.
Subordinate Magistrates	Stipendiary	11,109	12,190
	Honorary	983	1,040
District and Divisional Magistrates . . .	Cases referred under Sections 347, 349, Criminal Procedure Code	43	31
Chief Magistrates of Districts	Under ordinary powers . .	854	796
	Under special powers . .	53	33

References under Section 34, Criminal Procedure Code.

54. The 33 cases disposed of in the exercise of the powers conferred under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were distributed throughout all the districts of the Assam Valley and Cachar. The Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet has not been invested with such powers, there being a resident Sessions Judge in that district. The largest number tried in the Assam Valley Districts was, as in the two previous years, in Darrang (14). In the remaining districts it varied from 1 to 8. In Cachar, as in the preceding two years, 3 cases were so tried. Eight cases, involving 14 persons, were referred to Courts of Session for confirmation of the sentences passed.

References under Sections 347 and 349, Criminal Procedure Code.

55. The number of references under Sections 347 and 349 of the Code of Criminal Procedure made by Subordinate to District Magistrates with a view to the passing of severer sentences was 32, as against 42 in the previous year.

Cases under Section 123, Criminal Procedure Code.

56. No cases were referred to the Courts of Session under Section 123 of the Code of Criminal Procedure during any of the past eight years.

57. The average duration of cases decided by Magistrates of each class in each of the past two years is shown below:— Average duration of cases.

	Average number of days each case lasted.					
	Assam Valley Districts.		Sylhet.		Cachar.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Honorary Magistrates	11·17	9·16	12·6	8·68	...	...
Stipendiary Magistrates	9·7	8·1	13·4	10·7	12·1	15·6
District Magistrates	8·3	8·09	7·3	6·27	12·7	10·1

58. The total number of persons under trial in the Courts of Magistrates during the year under review was 21,866*, as compared with 21,084 in the previous year.

* These figures include remanets from the previous year, and also double entries in the cases of persons referred to another Court for a higher punishment and of persons transferred from one district to another.

Details are given below of the manner in which the persons brought to trial during the past two years appeared before the Courts:—

	1891.	1892.
Under arrest	9,080	9,808
Upon warrant	2,251	2,056
On summons	8,369	8,670
Voluntarily	806	663
Total	20,506	21,197

59. Exclusive of the number of persons who were committed to Sessions or whose cases were referred to a higher tribunal, the total number of those whose cases were decided by Magistrates during 1892, was 21,053 as compared with 20,136 in 1891 and 17,633 in 1890. Results of trials as affecting persons. *Table H.*

The results of trials in each of the years 1891 and 1892 are given below:—

	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or referred.
1891	8,105	12,031	288
1892	7,909	13,144	216

Of the total number of persons acquitted or discharged and convicted, 62·4 per cent. were convicted, as against 59·7 in 1891. The districts in which the ratio of convictions was highest are Sibsagar (69·4 per cent), Darrang (67·57 per cent.), Lakhimpur (65 per cent.) and Kamrup (62·08 per cent.). It was lowest in Cachar (59·1 per cent.), which is also the only district which shows a decrease in the percentage of convictions.

60. The mode of trial and the sentences passed in the cases which ended in convictions, are shown in the following table:— Mode of trial and sentences passed. *Statement 4.*

	On regular trial.	On summary trial.
Appealable sentences passed	4,736	85
Non-appealable sentences passed	2,592	5,731
Total	7,328	5,816

On a comparison of these figures with those given in the report for 1891, it will be seen that there was an increase from 64·01 to 64·6 in the percentage of persons who were convicted on regular trial and had the right of appeal, and

an increase from 1·2 to 1·4 in the percentage of persons convicted on summary trial who had the right of appeal.

61. The following were the classes of Courts before which the trials resulting in the summary conviction of persons were held :—

	Appealable sentences passed.	Non-appealable sentences passed.
Stipendiary Magistrates	81	5,226
District Magistrates	4	505
	85	5,731
	5,816	

62. The following comparative statement gives the results of trials during the past two years before the Magistrates of each class :—

	Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.		Percentage convicted.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Honorary Magistrates	724	716	942	1,020	56 5	58·7
Stipendiary Magistrates	6,892	6,739	10,137	11,232	59·5	62·5
District Magistrates	489	454	952	874	66·06	65·8

Pending files. *Table I.*

63. Exclusive of lunatics, the total number of persons awaiting trial in Magistrates' Courts at the close of 1892 was 525. The details furnished on the margin show the nature of the orders under which they remained under trial, and the following statement compares the duration of the pending trials in each of the past two years :—

In custody	63
On bail	413
On recognizance	46
Otherwise	3
TOTAL	525

	1891.	1892.
More than 3 months	30	11
„ 2 „	11	28
„ 1 month	65	58
Not exceeding 1 month	456	428

The Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara explains that the delay in disposing of the cases of the 11 persons shown as being under trial for more than three months at the close of the year was due to there having been no separate Magistrate attached to the Goalpara Sub-division from the 15th September to the end of the year.

Witnesses examined. *Table J.*

64. The total number of witnesses examined was 50,135, as compared with 46,956 in the preceding year. The increase occurred in all the districts except Kamrup and Darrang, which show a decrease. It was greatest in Sylhet (1,323), and Nowgong (915).

The number of witnesses discharged without examination was 14,277, as compared with 15,770 in the preceding year.

Expenses of witnesses.

65. The amount of diet money, etc., paid to witnesses during the past year was ₹923 or ₹119 less than the sum so paid in 1891. The decrease occurred in all the districts except Darrang and Lakhimpur, which show an increase. It was greatest in Sylhet (238).

Detention of witnesses.

66. The figures reproduced on the margin show the detention of witnesses in the Courts of Magistrates during each of the last two years. The largest number of detentions for over three days occurred in Goalpara (61). In Nowgong 42 witnesses were detained beyond the third day, in Sylhet 15, in Kamrup 8,

	On the first day.	On the second day.	On the third day.	After the third day.
1891	48,882	11,398	2,206	240
1892	53,670	9,285	1,324	133

in Cachar 6 and in Lakhimpur 1. No such detentions occurred in the Courts of Magistrates in the districts of Darrang and Sibsagar. The Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara reports that all the 61 witnesses detained beyond the third day were in the Court of the Senior Extra Assistant Commissioner who disposes of the greater part of the criminal work at head-quarters, and that the detention of these witnesses was unavoidable. The detention of the 42 witnesses at Nowgong is stated to have been caused by the serious illness of the Deputy Commissioner on whose file the cases were pending.

VI.—PUNISHMENTS.

67. Sentence of death was not passed by any of the Courts of Session in the Province of Assam during the past year. Death. *Statement 5.*

68. The number of persons sentenced to transportation by the Courts of Session was 11, of whom 5 were transported for life, and 6 for a term of years. Transportation.

69. The nature of the other sentences passed by the Courts of Session during the past year is indicated below :— Other sentences.

Imprisonment	Rigorous	51
	Simple	3
Fine		4

The punishment of rigorous imprisonment was combined with solitary confinement in the case of 7 persons, and all the sentences of fine passed were in addition to imprisonment.

The periods for which imprisonment was awarded are given on the margin. These figures included the sentences of rigorous imprisonment passed by Sessions Judges upon 12 persons whose cases were referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Not exceeding 15 days	0
„ „ 6 months	7
„ „ 2 years	13
„ „ 7 „	35
Above 7 „	

70. The following table furnishes details regarding the fines imposed by Courts of Sessions during the past two years :— Fines (Sessions Courts). *Table L.*

	Imposed.	Realized.	Paid by way of compensation.
	R	R	R
1891	1,013	179	9
1892	400	245	...

71. The number of persons sentenced by Magistrates to imprisonment, fine, or whipping was as follows :— Punishment awarded by Magistrates. *Statement 5.*

	1891.	1892.
Imprisonment	3,521	3,708
Fine	8,420	9,237
Whipping	363	360

72. Besides the persons shown in the above statement, 248 workmen were ordered to fulfil their contracts, 259 persons, of whom 158 had been convicted of offences involving a breach of the peace, were required to give security or to enter into recognizances for keeping the peace, and 59 were required to furnish security for good behaviour, 48 of them being, in default, sentenced to undergo imprisonment.

Imprisonment (Magistrates' Courts).

73. Of the 3,708 persons sentenced to imprisonment, 130 were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment combined with solitary confinement, 3,481 to rigorous imprisonment alone and 97 to simple imprisonment.

Fines (Magistrates' Courts). [*Table L.*]

74. The amount of fines imposed by Magistrates in the exercise of their original jurisdiction was R96,814, as compared with R83,139 in 1891, and the amount, inclusive of arrears, realized was R93,687 or 96·7 per cent. of the actual amount imposed during the year against R78,272 or 94·1 per cent. in 1891. The increase in the amount of fines imposed occurred in the districts of Sibsagar (R5,588), Lakhimpur (R5,329), Nowgong (R4,212), Sylhet (R2,353) and Cachar (R784). The remaining districts of Goalpara, Darrang and Kamrup show a decrease of R2,425, R1,313, and R853, respectively. The proportion of fines realized to fines imposed was highest in Sylhet (100·7 per cent.), and Nowgong (100·1 per cent.), and lowest in Goalpara (79·3 per cent.). In the other districts it varied from 84·7 to 97·8 per cent.

Compensation.

75. The amount awarded as compensation was R12,624 in the past, as compared with R12,096 in the preceding, year. The increase occurred in the districts of Goalpara, Nowgong, Sibsagar and Lakhimpur. The other four districts show a decrease.

Particulars regarding sentences of whipping. *Table LI.*

76. The following statement shows the number of sentences of whippings awarded, and of other punishments inflicted in cases in which whipping might have been awarded, during the past two years :—

		1891.			1892.		
		Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings.	Total number of whippings awarded.	Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	Percentage of whippings.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	13	88	12·8	36	87	29·26
	Kamrup	20	148	11·9	27	89	23·27
	Nowgong	38	85	30·8	37	117	24·02
	Darrang	71	65	52·2	69	73	48·59
	Sibsagar	88	266	24·8	69	282	19·65
	Lakhimpur	26	140	15·6	25	144	14·79
Sylhet		84	389	17·7	75	444	14·45
Cachar		24	213	10·1	22	124	15·06
	TOTAL	364	1,394	20·7	360	1,360	20·9

The decrease in the number of sentences of whipping occurred in all the districts except Goalpara and Kamrup, which show an increase of 23 and 7, respectively, and it was most marked in Sibsagar (19).

YEARS.	Number of whippings inflicted.	Number of convicted persons who rendered themselves liable to whipping.
1890	294	1,770
1891	364	1,758
1892	360	1,720

The figures given on the margin show the number of persons sentenced to whipping and the number of convicts who rendered themselves liable to this form of punishment during each of the years 1890, 1891 and 1892.

APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

VII.—THE HIGH COURT.

77. The number of appeals instituted, decided, and pending in the High Court during the past two years was as follows:— Number of appeals. *Table P.*

	Instituted.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891	1892	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley Districts . .	4	7	7	5	...	2
Sylhet	13	27	16	26	1	2
Cachar	3	3	3	3	...	...
TOTAL .	20	37	26	34	1	4

There was an increase of 17 in the total number of appeals. The increase, it will be observed, was principally in appeals from Sylhet; and it was most probably due to the larger number of cases decided in that Court of Session.

78. Of the appeals filed in 1892, two were from sentences passed by Magistrates under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the remainder were appeals by persons convicted by Sessions Judges. No appeal has for the past five years been preferred by the Local Government against a judgment of acquittal recorded by any of the Sessions Courts in the Province. Persons who appealed. *Table R*

The statement below shows the number of appealable orders passed in each of the past two years:—

		1891	1892.
Persons convicted (in whose cases the sentence passed was appealable).	By Deputy Commissioners in the exercise of special powers under Section 34 . .	22	15
	By Courts of Session . .	56	48

It may be noted that, although there was a decrease in the number of appealable sentences passed, there was an increase in the number of appeals preferred.

79. The following statement shows the result of appeals decided during each of the past two years:— Results of appeals as affecting cases.

	Assam Valley Districts		Sylhet.		Cachar.		TOTAL.	
	1891.	1892	1891.	1892	1891.	1892	1891.	1892
Conviction affirmed . .	3	3	13	21	3	3	19	27
,, reversed . .	2	...	1	5	...	...	3	5
,, varied . . .	2	2	2	..	...	...	4	2
Re-trial ordered . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Otherwise decided . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

There were no appeals against the sentences of the Sessions Courts at Kamrup and Lakhimpur. The 6 appeals preferred in 1892 against the sentences of the Sessions Courts in the Assam Valley Districts came from Goalpara (2), Sibsagar (2), Nowgong (1), and Darrang (1). The orders in 3 cases were affirmed, 1 each from Goalpara, Nowgong, and Sibsagar; in 1 case from Goalpara, the order was modified; and 2 appeals remained unheard at the end of the year. One appeal was also presented to the High Court from the sentence passed by the Deputy Commissioner of Sibsagar in the exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The order in that case was modified.

Twenty-seven appeals were preferred during the year against the sentences of the Sessions Judge of Sylhet, and 1 was pending from the previous year. The orders of the Lower Court were affirmed in 21 cases, reversed in 5, and 2 appeals remained undecided at the close of the year. Two appeals were preferred from Cachar, and in both cases they were dismissed. One appeal was also filed from the decision of the Deputy Commissioner under Section 34 of the Code of Criminal Procedure which was also dismissed by the High Court.

Results of appeals as affecting persons. *Table Q.*

80. The results of appeals during the past two years as affecting the persons convicted are given below:—

	Persons involved.	
	1891.	1892.
Appeals rejected	13	22
Sentences confirmed	16	11
„ enhanced	...	...
„ reduced or altered	4	2
„ reversed or quashed	7	9
New trial ordered	...	...

Results of admitted appeals.

81. The results of admitted appeals were as follows:—

	Percentage.			
	Jury Districts (*i.e.*, Assam Valley Districts).		Assessor Districts (*i.e.*, Sylhet and Cachar).	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Order of Lower Courts affirmed .	22·2	50·	77 7	50·
Sentence reduced . . .	22·2	50·	11·1	...
„ reversed . . .	55·5	...	11·1	50·
New trial ordered . . .	...	...	...	...

VIII.—APPELLATE COURTS SUBORDINATE TO THE HIGH COURT.

Appeals filed, decided, and pending. *Table M.*

82. The following comparative table shows the number of appeals preferred to, decided by, and pending before Courts of Session and District Magistrates' Courts during the past two years:—

	Filed.		Decided.		Pending.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Courts of Session . . .	473	498	458	509	23	12
„ „ Magistrates . .	387	436	379	433	20	23
Total .	860	934	837	942	43	35

The increase in the number of appeals to Courts of Session was most marked in Sylhet (16), and Nowgong (15), Kamrup and Lakhimpur show a decrease of 13 and 6, respectively.

The increase in the number of appeals filed in District Magistrates' Courts occurred chiefly in Cachar (59). There was an increase in Darrang of 18, in Nowgong of 13, and in Lakhimpur of 10. The remaining four districts show a decrease which was greatest in Sylhet (24), and Kamrup (20).

Ratio of appeals to persons having the right of appeal. See *Table O.*

83. The number of persons who appealed in 1892 was 1,520 or 31·5 per cent. of the total number of those on whom appealable sentences were passed. The corresponding percentage for 1891 was 32·6. The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in the cases of 976 or 61·8 per cent. of the number whose appeals were heard. The percentage in 1891 was 63·3.

The results were most favourable to the Lower Courts in Sibsagar, where 71·27 per cent. of the sentences were confirmed, and, as in the previous two years, least so in Goalpara, where the percentage was 42·6.

The following statement shows in greater detail the results of the appeals decided during the past year:—

		Appeals rejected or sentence confirmed.	Sentence reduced or otherwise altered.	Sentence reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further inquiry ordered.
Valley Districts.	Magistrates' Courts	163	27	69	2
	Court of Session	204	42	72	1
Sylhet and Cachar.	Magistrates' Courts	326	68	81	...
	Court of Session	283	85	156	...
Total	Magistrates' Courts	489	95	150	2
	Courts of Session	487	127	228	1
	Grand Total	976	222	378	3

SUPERINTENDENCE, REFERENCE AND REVISION.

IX.—THE HIGH COURT.

84. The number of criminal cases from the Province of Assam dealt with by the High Court as a Court of Reference during the past year is shown below:— Number of cases. *Table R.*

	Pending 1891.	Filed 1892.	Disposed of 1891.	Pending 1892.
References under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code	...	1	...	1
" " " 341, " " "	...	...	...	...
" " " 374, " " "	...	1	...	1
Total	...	2	...	2

85. One case was referred to the High Court during the year under Section 307 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by the Judge of the Assam Valley Districts from Darrang, but it was not dealt with during the year. References under Sections 307 and 341, Criminal Procedure Code.

86. No case under Section 341 of the Code was referred during the year by any Court in the Province.

87. The one case referred during the past year under Section 374 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for confirmation of sentence of death was received from Syhlet. It remained undecided at the close of the year. References under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code.

88. Sixty cases were dealt with by the High Court in the exercise of its powers of revision, and of these 25 were referred under Section 438 of the Code by District Magistrates, none were referred by Sessions Judges, and one under Section 526; the remaining 34 being taken up by the Court of its own motion under Section 435. In 1891, 28 cases were dealt with under Section 438, and 28 under Section 435. Five cases were pending on the files at the close of 1892. References under Sections 435 and 438, Criminal Procedure Code.

The 34 cases dealt with by the High Court without reference under Section 435 during 1892 concerned orders passed by the following officers:—

Deputy Commissioner and other Subordinate Magistrates at Goalpara	5
" " " " " Kamrup	5
" " " " " Nowgong	3
" " " " " Darrang	2
" " " " " Lakhimpur	3
" " " " " Sibsagar	5
" " " " " Sylhet	10
" " " " " Cachar	1
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Results of proceedings in revision as affecting cases.

89. The following statement shows in detail for each district the results (as affecting cases) of the proceedings in revision :—

		Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	New trial ordered.	Otherwise disposed of	Total.
Courts of Session.	Valley Districts	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sylhet and Cachar.	...	...	...		...	...
District Magistrates.	Valley Districts	10	1	1	.	...	12
	Sylhet . .	1	...	...	...		1
	Cachar . .	1	...	.	...	...	1
Others .	Valley Districts	13	1	3	...	.	17
	Sylhet .	8	13	1	4	1	27
	Cachar . .	1	...	...	...	..	1
	Total	34	15	5	4	1	59

The orders of the Lower Courts were upheld in 57·6 per cent. of the cases decided in 1892, as compared with 44·6 per cent. in 1891, and reversed in 25·4 per cent. in the past year as compared with 28·5 per cent. in 1891.

Results of proceedings in revision as affecting persons.

90. The table below furnishes details of the results of proceedings in revision (as affecting persons convicted) during each of the past two years :—

	1891.	1892.
Applications rejected	41	71
Orders confirmed	21	29
Sentence enhanced	1	1
„ reduced or altered	8	8
„ reversed or quashed	25	50
New trial or further inquiry ordered	16	8
Total .	112	167

X—SUBORDINATE COURTS.

Number of applications for revision preferred, disposed of, and pending. *Table N.*

91. The following table shows for each of the last two years the number of applications for revision preferred to, decided by, and pending in the Courts of Sessions Judges and District Magistrates :—

		Preferred.		Decided.		Pending.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.
Valley Districts.	Sessions Judges	72	63	74	62	3	4
	Magistrates .	87	100	87	100	...	...
Sylhet and Cachar.	Sessions Judges	149	142	150	142	9	9
	Magistrates .	76	94	74	96	5	3
Total .	Sessions Judges	221	205	224	204	12	13
	Magistrates .	163	194	161	196	5	3

The greatest decrease in the number of applications for revision made to Courts of Session occurred in Cachar (10), and the most marked increase in the number of such applications made to Magistrates' Courts also occurred in Cachar (17). In the other districts the variations are too slight to call for notice.

92. The following statement shows more fully the results of revision in the Subordinate Appellate Courts as affecting persons:— Result of revision as affecting persons. *Statement 6.*

		Applications rejected or orders confirmed.	Orders reversed or proceedings quashed.	New trial or further inquiry ordered.	Orders varied.	Referred.
Courts of Session.	Valley Districts .	79	9	42	...	12
	Sylhet and Cachar	313	3	77	...	61
District Magistrates.	Valley Districts .	146	...	47	1	1
	Sylhet . .	120	29	49	...	...
	Cachar . .	39	...	5	...	...
	Total .	697	41	220	1	74

XI.—FINANCIAL.

93. The receipts and charges of all the Criminal Courts for the past two years were as follows:— Receipts and charges of the Criminal Courts. *Table 8.*

	Receipts.	Charges.	Excess of charges over receipts.
	₹	₹	₹
1891	1,29,893	2,05,857	75,964
1892	1,47,733	2,03,900	56,167
Increase in receipts, and decrease in charges in 1892 as compared with 1891.	17,840	1,957	19,797

94. In the Magistrates' Courts in the Assam Valley Districts, the excess of expenditure over receipts amounted to ₹21,994 in 1892, as against ₹36,083 in 1891, and the excess of expenditure over receipts in Sylhet and Cachar amounted to ₹13,967, as compared with ₹18,340 in 1891. The increase in receipts occurred in all the districts except Goalpara and Darrang. There was a decrease in expenditure in the districts of Kamrup, Nowgong, Sibsagar, and Lakhimpur, and an increase in the remaining four districts. Financial results.

In Sessions Courts the receipts were ₹948 in the past, as compared with ₹826 in the preceding, year, and the expenditure ₹21,154, as against ₹22,367 in 1891.

95. The details of receipts in Magistrates' Courts given in the statement below show an increase under all the heads, especially under "Fines." The receipts of Courts of Session also show an increase under all the heads:— Receipts in detail.

	Stamps.				Cash.			
	Process fees.		Other fees.		Fines.		Miscellaneous (including copying and comparing fees).	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Magistrates' Courts . . .	16,834	18,129	33,865	34,439	71,243	85,371	7,125	8,849
Sessions Courts . . .	...	...	496	513	200	255	130	180
Total .	16,834	18,129	34,361	34,949	71,443	85,626	7,255	9,029

The following statement, which gives details regarding the charges of the Criminal Courts for the past two years, shows that during 1892 there was a decrease under the head "Salaries of Judicial Officers," and increase under the other two heads of expenditure :—

	Salaries of Judicial Officers.		Establishment.				Contingencies and refunds, including fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment.	
			Process-servers		Others.			
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Magistrates' Courts . .	1,22,834	1,17,445	7,621	7,377	39,294	39,576	13,741	18,348
Courts of Session . .	16,785	15,559	...	...	3,770	3,886	1,812	1,709
Total .	1,39,619	1,33,004	7,621	7,377	43,064	43,462	15,553	20,057

96. The system under which copies of documents required by parties are prepared brought in a surplus to the credit of Government of R2,185, as compared with R1,846 realized in 1891. The following figures give the details :—

		R
Copying and comparing fees deposited by parties .	R	5,906
Salaries of copying and comparing clerks . . .	75	
Fees paid to copyists not on the fixed establishment .	3,646	
		3,721
Surplus .		2,185

97. The "Expedition fees" levied from parties in urgent need of copies are not included in this surplus, but are treated in the accounts as "Miscellaneous Receipts."

98. The receipts and charges on account of the service of processes in the Criminal Courts in Assam are shown on the margin. These figures exhibit a surplus of R10,752, as compared with R9,213, the profits realized in 1891.

	R
Receipts	18,129
Charges	7,377
	10,752

99. As explained in the reports for previous years, no charge on account of the High Court is included in the tables given in this report.

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of offences reported		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected		Number of other cases struck off as false.		Cases accepted as true	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891	1892.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	742	770	104	121	30	24	615	625
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	426	374	18	15		1	408	358
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	401	345	12	25	2	1	387	319
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	59	79	...	2	...	2	59	75
Offences affecting Public Health, etc, and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	212	215	58	53	5	3	149	159
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	8,853	8,797	2,533	2,395	266	181	6,054	6,221
Offences against Property, Chapter XVII	10,620	10,499	2,719	2,712	785	670	7,086	7,117
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	1,318	1,336	717	738	10	15	591	58
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	22,638	22,115	6,191	6,061	1,098	897	15,349	15,457
Offences under Special Laws	6,293	7,568	547	637	57	42	5,689	6,889
GRAND TOTAL	28,931	29,983	6,738	6,698	1,155	939	21,038	22,346

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Showing the Number of Cases brought to Trial, with the results of Trial in 1891 and 1892.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCES.	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted	
			Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII of the Indian Penal Code	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	.
Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII	457	489	575	615	1,278	1,364	68·9	68 9
Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X	372	333	149	216	423	401	73 9	64·9
Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI	349	289	153	136	227	221	59·7	62 2
Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII	54	61	25	32	43	38	63·2	54·2
Offences affecting Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV	133	130	83	47	138	138	62·4	74·6
Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI	3,446	3,402	2,722	2,467	2,655	2,600	49·3	51·3
Offences against Property, Chapter XVIII	3,487	3,576	2,637	2,533	2,655	2,735	50·1	51·9
Miscellaneous Offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII	358	371	305	321	172	146	36·05	31·2
TOTAL OFFENCES UNDER THE PENAL CODE	8,656	8,651	6,649	6,367	7,591	7,646	53·3	54·5
Offences under Special Laws	4,404	5,376	1,553	1,621	4,537	5,564	74 5	77·4
GRAND TOTAL	13,060	14,027	8,202	7,988	12,128	13,210	59 6	62·3

B

Giving details of Comparative Table A of each district.

	DISTRICTS	Number of offences reported		Number of cases in which complaint was rejected		Number of other cases struck off as false		Cases accepted as true.		Percentage accepted as true	
		1891.	1892	1891.	1892.	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891	1892
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara . .	1,148	1,140	109	91	84	81	955	968	83·1	84·03
	Kamrup . .	2,699	2,852	633	783	173	58	1,893	2,011	70 1	70·5
	Nowgong . .	2,866	2,529	560	415	167	113	1,639	2,001	69 2	79 1
	Darrang . .	2,633	2,569	640	783	88	96	1,905	1,690	72·3	65 7
	Sibsagar . .	4,795	5,222	1,310	1,293	181	146	3,274	3,783	68·2	72 4
	Lakhimpur . .	2,757	2,715	806	829	100	126	1,851	1,760	67·1	64·8
Sylhet . . .		9,407	9,618	1,811	1,800	251	203	7,345	7,645	78 08	79·2
Cachar . . .		3,126	3,308	839	704	111	116	2,176	2,488	69·6	75·2
	TOTAL .	28,931	29,983	6,733	6,698	1,155	939	21,038	22,346	72 72	74·5

B 1

Giving details of Comparative Table A 1 of each district.

	DISTRICTS	Number of cases brought to trial during the year.		Number of Persons				Percentage convicted	
				Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted.			
		1891	1892	1891.	1892	1891	1892	1891.	1892
Assam Valley Districts	Goalpara . . .	587	650	482	376	533	571	52 5	60·42
	Kamrup . . .	1,244	1,284	811	666	1,177	1,092	59 20	62·11
	Nowgong . . .	1,081	1,293	798	917	1,006	1,371	55 76	59·92
	Darrang . . .	1,019	970	564	452	1,114	942	66·38	67·57
	Sibsagar . . .	2,286	2,679	1,142	1,073	2,009	2,425	63·75	69·32
	Lakhimpur . . .	1,439	1,432	673	778	1,306	1,448	65·99	65·09
Sylhet		4,045	4,256	2,960	2,919	3,747	4,201	55·86	59·
Cachar		1,331	1,433	772	807	1,236	1,157	61·5	58·8
	TOTAL .	13,060	14,027	8,202	7,988	12,128	13,210	59·65	62·3

C

Showing in detail the number of offences of each class returned as true in 1891 and 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Public Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapte s XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Law.		Grand Total.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley Districts.																								
Goalpara	...	...	32	14	27	14	29	31	...	1	5	2	254	230	362	430	45	30	754	752	201	216	955	968
Kamrup	...	...	18	14	19	18	35	25	8	7	10	11	713	713	547	430	73	67	1,423	1,285	470	726	1,893	2,011
Nowgong	...	...	7	16	106	22	49	22	4	3	16	20	538	735	495	644	27	54	1,242	1,516	397	485	1,639	2,001
Darrang	...	...	14	10	13	10	23	37	10	13	23	26	487	340	752	708	72	62	1,394	1,206	511	484	1,905	1,690
Sibsagar	...	...	21	26	33	37	77	56	9	8	45	49	726	719	1,079	1,112	134	158	2,124	2,165	1,150	1,618	3,274	3,783
Lakhimpur	...	...	7	20	9	37	32	35	9	11	13	11	333	345	607	526	28	24	1,038	1,009	813	751	1,851	1,760
Sylhet	...	...	463	474	189	187	114	85	14	9	29	26	2,520	2,705	2,504	2,465	182	169	6,015	6,120	1,330	1,525	7,345	7,645
Cachar	...	...	53	51	12	33	28	28	5	26	8	14	483	434	740	802	30	19	1,359	1,414	817	1,084	2,176	2,498
Total	...	...	615	625	408	358	387	319	59	75	149	159	6,054	6,221	7,086	7,117	591	583	15,349	15,457	5,689	6,889	21,038	22,346

D

Showing in detail for each class the number of persons convicted in 1891 and 1892.

DISTRICTS.	Offences against the State and relating to the Army and Navy, Chapters VI and VII, Indian Penal Code.		Offences against the Public Tranquillity, Chapter VIII.		Offences relating to Public Servants, Chapters IX and X.		Offences against Pub ic Justice and False Evidence, Chapter XI.		Offences relating to Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures, Chapters XII and XIII.		Offences affecting the Public Health, etc., and Religion, Chapters XIV and XV.		Offences affecting the Human Body, Chapter XVI.		Offences against Property, Chapter XVII.		Miscellaneous offences under the Penal Code, Chapters XVIII to XXII.		Total offences under the Penal Code.		Offences under Special Laws.		Grand Total.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley District																								
Goalpara	...	...	78	44	18	10	10	20	...	1	3	2	127	137	117	169	5	5	358	388	175	186	533	574
Kamrup	...	...	52	69	43	13	16	18	4	4	12	9	386	287	257	189	41	17	811	606	366	486	1,177	1,092
Nowgong	...	...	14	36	101	52	32	19	1	2	20	15	273	432	255	302	6	22	702	880	304	491	1,006	1,371
Darrang	...	...	56	32	20	7	17	23	11	14	25	15	210	140	297	265	24	10	660	506	454	436	1,114	942
Sipsagar	...	...	39	87	35	32	43	41	9	4	28	46	431	357	470	509	48	50	1,103	1,126	906	1,299	2,009	2,425
Lakhimpur	...	...	23	78	4	40	25	21	4	4	9	11	179	224	233	244	8	11	485	633	821	815	1,306	1,448
Sylhet	...	...	839	873	194	223	67	66	10	5	36	29	846	907	738	817	36	26	2,766	2,946	981	1,255	3,747	4,201
Cachar	...	...	177	145	8	24	17	16	4	4	5	11	203	116	288	240	4	5	706	561	530	596	1,236	1,157
Total	...	...	1,278	1,364	423	401	227	224	43	38	138	138	2,655	2,600	2,655	2,735	172	146	7,591	7,646	4,537	5,564	12,128	13,210

E

Showing the number of cases brought to trial during the year, disposed of and pending in the Courts of Sessions and Courts of Magistrates in 1891 and 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Sessions.						Courts of Magistrates.					
		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.		Pending.		Brought to trial.		Disposed of.*		Pending.	
		1891.	1892	1891.	1892.	1891	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	4	5	4	5	...	...	589	652	574	624	20	47
	Kamrup	2	5	3	5	...	...	1,251	1,289	1,251	1,302	33	18
	Nowgong	6	4	5	3	1	2	1,081	1,293	1,073	1,302	23	12
	Darrang	9	5	8	5	1	1	1,050	978	1,018	979	13	12
	Sibsagar	13	8	14	8	1	1	2,301	2,687	2,306	2,686	39	36
	Lakhimpur	7	6	7	3	...	3	1,447	1,451	1,441	1,448	16	17
Sylhet		46	46	41	43	10	12	4,048	4,290	4,011	4,328	175	133
Cachar		8	12	8	9	2	5	1,336	1,439	1,338	1,421	36	52
	Total	95	91	90	81	15	24	13,103	14,079	13,042	14,090	355	327

* Omitting cases in which accused died, escaped or were transferred.

F

Showing the number of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure disposed of during 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Proceedings against witnesses under Chapter VIc and Section 485.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, to prevent breach of the peace.	Proceedings under Chapter VIII, security for good behaviour	Proceedings against local nuisance, Chapter X.	Possession, Chapter XII.	Non-attendance of jurors or assessors, Chapter XXIII, Section 332.	Maintenance, Chapter XXXVI.	Forfeiture of bail or recognizance under Chapter XLII.	Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560.	Total of persons.
		Persons	Persons.	Persons.	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.	Persons.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	4	4	...	1	1	5	24	7	55
	Kamrup	...	32	2	12	...	4	5	97	9	161
	Nowgong	...	20	1	..	...	1	9	55	34	120
	Darrang	...	41	...	...	...	...	9	9	12	71
	Sibsagar	...	10	7	1	1	...	40	20	11	89
	Lakhimpur	...	24	1	6	...	...	15	12	10	68
Sylhet		...	219	100	59	3	...	20	63	38	499
Cachar		...	30	4	13	1	...	4	10	17	78
	Total	...	380	119	91	6	6	107	300	138	1,141

G

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Sessions in 1892 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or Discharged	Convicted.	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial.	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	11	5	6	...	...	...	54·5
	Kamrup	5	...	5	...	...	...	100·
	Nowgong	8	5	1	...	...	2	16·66
	Darrang	8	2	4	1	...	1	66·6
	Sibsagar	12	6	5	...	...	1	45·45
	Lakhimpur	8	3	2	...	...	3	40·
Sylhet		108	46	36	1	1	24	44·57
Cachar		29	12	7	...	2	8	36·8
	TOTAL	189	79	66	2	3	39	45·5

H

Showing the results of trials in the Courts of Magistrates in 1892 (as affecting Persons).

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted or Discharged.	Convicted.	Committed or Referred.	Died, Escaped or Transferred.	Remaining under Trial.	Number per cent. of Persons entered in columns 3 and 4 who were convicted.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	1,054	371	568	13	4	98	60·4
	Kamrup	1,795	666	1,087	12	3	27	62·08
	Nowgong	2,312	912	1,370	7	3	20	60·03
	Darrang	1,419	450	938	15	...	16	67·57
	Sibsagar	3,576	1,067	2,420	22	6	61	69·4
	Lakhimpur	2,275	775	1,446	29	3	22	65·
Sylhet		7,349	2,873	4,165	90	4	217	59·17
Cachar		2,086	795	1,150	28	2	111	59·1
	TOTAL	21,866	7,909	13,144	216	25	572	6·4

I

Showing in detail the Number of Persons who were awaiting Trial in the Courts of Magistrates at the end of 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Criminal Lunatics.	Number of Persons				Of the Persons entered in columns 3 to 6 under Trial				Over six months.
			In Custody.	On Bail.	On Recognizance.	Otherwise.	Not exceeding one month.	Over one month.	Over two months.	Over three months.	
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	7	91	...	...	38	25	24	11	...
	Kamrup	4	1	20	2	...	15	8	...	...	...
	Nowgong	4	7	5	4	...	16	...	...	...	...
	Darrang	6	1	9	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
	Sibsagar	6	10	43	1	1	53	1	1	...	...
	Lakhimpur	...	7	5	9	1	22	...	...	...	...
Sylhet		25	22	158	12	...	188	3	1	...	...
Cachar		2	8	82	18	1	86	21	2	...	...
	Total	47	63	413	46	3	428	58	28	11	..

J

Showing the Number of Witnesses examined and the Amount paid as expenses in the Courts of Session and Magistrates' Courts in 1891 and 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Number of Witnesses examined.				Amount paid as expenses.			
		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.		Courts of Session.		Magistrates' Courts.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
						₹	₹	₹	₹
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	23	28	2,059	2,363	169	...	135	95
	Kamrup	24	11	4,695	4,518	...	24	25	19
	Nowgong	30	3	4,875	5,790	...	...	62	36
	Darrang	24	17	3,286	2,908	47	10	18	114
	Sibsagar	37	28	7,093	7,608	50	31	36	25
	Lakhimpur	49	25	3,944	4,215	...	...	205	336
Sylhet		367	310	16,608	17,931	924	759	507	269
Cachar		87	75	4,396	4,802	56	71	54	29
	Total	641	497	46,956	50,135	1,246	895	1,042	923

K

Showing the detention of Witnesses in the Courts of Session and Courts of Magistrates in 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	NUMBER OF WITNESSES DISCHARGED.							
		Courts of Session.				Magistrates' Courts.			
		On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.	On the 1st day.	On the 2nd day.	On the 3rd day.	After the 3rd day.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	43	...	...	...	2,646	498	109	61
	Kamrup	17	...	...	...	4,328	976	306	8
	Nowgong	9	...	...	...	5,971	586	29	42
	Darrang	17	...	...	...	2,999	501	44	...
	Sibsagar	41	3	...	...	7,248	959	170	...
	Lakhimpur	17	12	...	...	3,924	884	153	1
Sylhet		404	134	12	18	21,207	4,077	376	15
Cachar		1	89	16	63	5,347	804	137	6
	Total	549	238	28	81	53,670	9,285	1,324	133

L

Showing the total amount of Fines imposed in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction by the Criminal Courts in 1891 and 1892, the Amount realized and the Amount paid by way of compensation.

	DISTRICTS.	Courts of Session.						Magistrates' Courts.					
		Total Amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.		Total amount of fines.		Amount realized.		Amount paid by way of compensation.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
		R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	...	200	...	99	...	...	8,114	5,689	6,971	4,516	722	1,082
	Kamrup	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,626	6,773	6,964	6,628	811	542
	Nowgong	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,857	12,069	6,636	12,083	332	1,103
	Darrang	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,556	6,243	7,033	5,291	2,119	943
	Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,425	20,013	13,207	19,566	2,373	3,369
	Lakhimpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,387	9,716	4,381	9,279	1,086	2,201
Sylhet		1,013	200	179	146	9	...	26,108	28,461	25,627	28,661	3,222	2,489
Cachar		...	...	...	...	...	...	7,066	7,850	7,453	7,663	1,431	895
	Total	1,013	400	179	245	9	...	83,139	96,814	78,272	93,687	12,096	12,624

L 1

Showing particulars of Whippings inflicted in 1892 by the Criminal Tribunals in each District in Assam.

DIS	I.—IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT (SECTIONS 2 AND 3, ACT VI OF 1864).												II.—IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENT (SECTIONS 3 AND 4, ACT VI OF 1864.)							III.—INFLICTED UNDER SECTION 5, ACT VI, 1864, ON JUVENILES FOR OFFENCES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED IN PARTS I AND II.													SHOWING THE RELATIVE NUMBER OF TIMES WHIPPING WAS AWARDED AS COMPARED WITH OTHER PUNISHMENTS IN CASES IN WHICH WHIPPING MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWARDED.			
	NUMBER OF STRIPES.																																			
	nd under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.										5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.						
	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	TOTAL.	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	TOTAL.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	1st conviction.	2nd or subsequent conviction.	TOTAL.	1. Total number of whippings awarded.	2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded.	3. Total number of all punishments in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of headings 1 and 2).	4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 3).
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.																																				
Goalpara . . .	...	...	6	...	10	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	31	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	36	87	123	29·26
Kamrup . . .	...	...	3	...	3	...	5	1	1	...	9	1	23	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	27	89	116	23·27
Nowgong . . .		...	4	...	9	2	13	1	4	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	3	3		...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	37	117	154	24·02
Darrang . . .	2	..	23	...	36	...	2	.	1	...	2	...	66	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	2	...	2	69	73	142	48·59
Sibsagar	3	...	14	...	20	...	12	1	3	...	3	4	60	...	1	3	2	...	2	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	69	282	351	19·65
Lakhimpur . . .		...	5	...	10	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	21	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	3	25	144	169	14·79
Sylhet	3	...	8	...	12	...	31	...	12	...	2	...	68	...	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	2	...	1	..	..	...	1	...	...	...	4	75	444	519	14·45
Cachar	.	..	3	...	7	.	9	...	...	...	1	...	20	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	.	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	22	124	146	15·06
TOTAL .	8	...	66	...	107	2	91	3	21	...	19	5	322	...	1	5	5	3	8	22	2	...	4	1	3	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	16	360	1,360	1,720	20·9

M

Showing the number of Appeal (cases) preferred, disposed of and pending in the Courts of the District Magistrates and of Sessions Judges in 1891 and 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	1891.						1892.					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	26	7	23	7	4	...	29	4	33	3	...	1
	Kamrup .	41	72	42	68	...	4	28	52	27	56	1	...
	Nowgong .	27	20	26	11	1	10	42	33	43	43	...	...
	Darrang .	23	4	22	4	1	...	29	22	29	20	1	2
	Sibsagar .	41	25	38	26	5	...	42	21	46	21	1	...
	Lakhimpur .	20	6	21	6	...	...	14	16	14	15	...	1
Sylhet . .		248	221	240	227	11	3	264	197	268	189	7	11
Cachar . .		47	32	46	30	1	3	50	91	49	86	2	8
TOTAL .		473	387	458	379	23	20	498	436	509	433	12	23

N

Showing the number of applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of and pending in the Courts of District Magistrates and Sessions Judges in 1891 and 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	1891.						1892.					
		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		PREFERRED.		DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.	
		Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session.	Magistrates' Courts.	Courts of Session .	Magistrates' Courts
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	6	3	7	3	1	...	4	6	4	6	1	...
	Kamrup .	27	44	29	44	...	...	29	40	29	40	...	...
	Nowgong .	1	7	1	7	...	...	2	13	2	13	...	...
	Darrang .	16	1	17	1	...	...	13	3	11	3	2	...
	Sibsagar .	15	28	13	28	2	...	11	29	12	29	1	...
	Lakhimpur .	7	4	7	4	...	...	4	9	4	9	...	...
Sylhet . .		129	58	132	58	6	2	132	57	129	56	9	3
Cachar . .		20	18	18	16	3	3	10	37	13	40	...	...
TOTAL .		221	163	224	161	12	5	205	194	204	196	13	3

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Showing the Number of Persons whose cases came before the Courts of Sessions Judge and of District Magistrates on Appeals or Applications for Revision with the results as affecting the orders of the Lower Courts.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals.				Applications for Revision.			
		Number of persons who appealed.	Ratio per cent. of persons appealing to persons in respect of whom appealable orders were passed.	Number of appellants in whose cases the sentences or orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of affirmed to decided.	Number of Applicants for Revision	Ratio per cent. of Applicants for Revision to Persons in respect of whose cases orders were passed.	Number of Applicants whose applications were rejected or in whose cases the orders were confirmed.	Ratio per cent. of rejected to disposed of.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	49	26·3	35	42·6	10	1 001	7	58·3
	Kamrup .	109	39·6	75	64·65	25	1·32	136	66·01
	Nowgong .	148	18 5	128	69 94	17	·71	17	60·71
	Darrang .	64	20 9	34	53 1	3	·2	16	72·72
	Sibsagar .	90	16·3	67	71·27	17	·47	38	73·07
	Lakhimpur .	44	11·28	28	68·29	16	·69	11	64·7
Sylhet . . .		783	41·49	460	58·82	270	3·69	407	65·01
Cachar . . .		233	54·69	149	68·66	9	·44	65	92·8
	Total .	1,520	31 5	976	61 81	367 ( )	1 67	697	67 4

(*a*) Besides these there were 694 accused persons against whom applications were made by the complainants.

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Showing the Number of Appeals and Applications for Revision (cases) preferred, disposed of and pending in the High Court in 1891 and 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Appeals						Applications for Revision					
		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending		Preferred.		Disposed of.		Pending.	
		1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara .	1	2	1	2	...	...	7	6	7	5	1	2
	Kamrup .	1	...	1	...	...	...	12	6	12	6	...	...
	Nowgong .	...	1	1	1	...	...	2	3	2	3	...	...
	Darrang .	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	4	4	4	...	...
	Sibsagar .	2	3	3	2	...	1	6	7	6	7	...	...
	Lakhimpur .	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	3	2	4	1	...
Sylhet . .		13	27	16	26	1	2	20	29	18	28	2	3
Cachar . .		3	3	3	3	...	...	4	2	5	2	...	...
	Total .	20	37	26	34	1	4	56	60	56	59	4	5

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Showing the result as affecting Persons of Appeals and Applications for Revision in the High Court in 1892.

DISTRICTS.	APPEALS.						APPLICATIONS FOR REVISION.					
	Rejected.	Sentence affirmed.	Sentence reversed.	Sentence varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.	Rejected.	Order affirmed.	Order reversed.	Order varied.	Further enquiry ordered.	Otherwise disposed of.
ASSAM VALLEY DISTRICTS.												
Goalpara .	1	2	...	1	...	...	24	3	...	.	...	...
Kamrup .	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...
Nowgong .	1	...	...	...	...	...	21	...	1	...	...	...
Darrang .	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	..	...
Lakhimpur .	.	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	...	...
Sibsagar .	1	...	...	1	...	1	5	2	2	6	...	...
Sylhet . .	18	6	9	...	...	...	10	15	47	1	8	...
Cachar . .	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
TOTAL .	22	11	9	2	...	1	71	29	50	9	8	...

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Criminal Business coming before the High Court from the Province of Assam in 1892 (Appellate Jurisdiction).

DESCRIPTION OF CASES.	Remaining in 1891.	Filed in 1892.	Disposed of in 1892.	Remaining at the close of 1892.
APPEALS.				
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . From the orders of Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, Penal Code	...	2	2	...
BY PERSONS CONVICTED . Sessions Judges	1	35	32	4
BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT . . . From the judgments of acquittal of all Courts	...	...	...	...
TOTAL . .	1	37	34	4
REFERENCES.				
Cases in which the Sessions Judges dissented from the verdict of the Jury and referred under Section 307, Criminal Procedure Code .	...	1	...	1
Cases in which sentences of death passed by Sessions Judges were referred for confirmation under Section 374, Criminal Procedure Code	...	1	...	1
Cases in which proceedings held against persons who cannot understand them are referred for orders under Section 341, Criminal Procedure Code	...	...	...	...
TOTAL . . .	...	2	...	2
REVISION.				
Cases referred for revision by District Magistrates and Sessions Judges under Section 438, Criminal Procedure Code	3	24	25	2
Cases dealt with by the Court under Section 435, Criminal Procedure Code—				
(1) Cases decided by Magistrates	1	36	34	3
(2) Cases decided by Sessions Judges	...	...	...	...
Cases dealt with under Section 526, Criminal Procedure Code . .	...	1	1	...
TOTAL .	4	61	60	5
Full Bench references	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous orders in Court	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL .	5	100	94	11

N. B.— Besides the above orders 21 were passed out of Court on review of Periodical Criminal Returns and Sessions Statements.

Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts, 1892.

DISTRICTS.	RECEIPTS						CHARGES.							Results *plus* or *minus*.
	In Court-fee Stamps		In Cash or Special Stamps.			Total.	Share of Officers' salary debitable to Criminal Justice.	Establishments.			Contingencies.		Total.	
	Process fees	Other fees.	Fines.	Copying and Comparing fees.	Other receipts credited to Government.			Process-servers.	Salaried Copying and Comparing Clerks.	Others.	Fees paid to Copyists not on the fixed establishment	Other Contingencies and Refund.		
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Assam Valley Districts.														
Goalpara . .	699	1,877	3,730	1,106	355	7,767	11,256	311	...	4,006	737	2,994	19,304	—11,537
Kamrup . .	2,110	3,564	6,632	429	258	12,993	7,572	506	...	4,216	286	862	13,442	—449
Nowgong . .	1,447	2,827	12,402	194	447	17,317	6,098	480	...	4,549	129	2,461	13,717	+3,600
Darrang . .	770	2,451	4,420	158	371	8,170	17,778	408	...	3,567	106	1,766	23,625	—15,455
Sibsagar . .	2,571	4,953	16,321	682	28	24,555	15,856	1,085	...	4,673	454	1,835	23,903	—652
Lakhimpur . .	969	1,991	7,146	412	332	10,850	12,656	502	...	3,686	209	1,118	18,171	—7,321
Sylhet . . .	7,735	12,462	27,312	2,416	1,181	51,106	46,339	3,246	...	11,380	1,422	3,443	65,830	—14,724
Cachar . . .	1,828	4,824	7,663	509	151	14,975	15,449	839	75	7,310	303	1,932	25,908	—10,933
Total. Courts of Magistrates	18,129	34,436	85,371	5,726	3,123	1,46,785	1,17,445	7,377	75	39,501	3,526	14,822	1,84,746	—35,961
Total. Courts of Session .	...	513	255	180	...	948	15,559	...	...	3,886	120	1,589	21,154	—20,206
GRAND TOTAL .	18,129	34,949	85,626	5,906	3,123	1,47,733	1,33,004	7,377	75	43,387	3,646	16,411	2,03,900	—56,167

Annual Statement 1—(Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and of Officers exercising Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam on the last day of the year, the work done, and the Receipts and Charges of the Criminal Courts in 1892.

	DISTRICTS.	Area.	Population.	Number of Sessions Divisions.	Number of Divisions of Districts (including Sudder Division).	TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICERS. Judges of the High Court.	Sessions Judges of all grades.	Magistrates of all grades. Stipendiary.	Special and Honorary.	Number of Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases originally decided. By the High Court.	By the Courts of Session.	By District Magistrates.	By other Stipendiary Magistrates.	By Special and Honorary Magistrates.	By Benches of Magistrates.	Number of Criminal Cases decided on Appeal. By the High Court.	By the Courts of Sessions.	By District Magistrates and other Magistrates empowered.	Total Receipts of the Criminal Courts.	Total Charges of the Criminal Courts.
Assam Valley Districts.	Goalpara	3,954	452,304	1	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	5	119	505	...	...	2	33	3	7,767	19,304
	Kamrup	3,660	634,249		2	...		5	5	...	...	5	32	1,241	29	...	...	27	56	12,993	13,442
	Nowgong	3,258	344,141		1	...		4	3	...	...	3	122	723	457	...	1	43	43	17,317	13,717
	Darrang	3,418	307,761		2	...		6	2	...	...	5	178	783	13	...	...	29	20	8,170	23,625
	Lakhimpur	3,724	254,053		2	...		5	3	...	...	3	208	1,229	11	...	...	14	15	10,850	18,171
	Sibsagar	2,855	457,274		3	...		7	2	...	...	8	68	2,597	21	...	2	46	21	24,555	23,903
	TOTAL	20,869	2,449,782	1	12	...	1	30	15	...	...	29	727	7,083	531	...	5	192	158	81,652	112,162
Sylhet		5,414	2,154,593	1	5	...	1	15	4	...	...	43	29	3,790	509	...	26	268	139	51,106	65,830
Cachar		2,472	367,542		3	...		7	..	...	...	9	104	1,317	...	...	3	49	86	14,975	25,908
	TOTAL	7,886	2,522,135	1	8	...	1	22	4	...	...	52	133	5,107	509	...	29	317	275	66,081	91,738
	GRAND TOTAL	28,755	4,971,917	2	20	...	2	52	19	...	...	81	860	12,190	1,040	...	34	509	433	147,733	203,900

Annual Statement 2—(Criminal).

Statement of Offences reported and of Persons tried, convicted, and acquitted of each offence in the Province of Assam in the year 1892.

Nomenclature of Offences with Chapter and Section of the Penal Code or other Law applicable.	Number of Cases.					Number of Persons.				
	Offences reported.	Complaint dismissed under Section 203, C. P. C.	Other cases struck off as false.	Balance returned as true.	Brought to trial during the year.	Under trial during the year.	Acquitted or discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped, or transferred.	Remaining under trial at the close of the year.
				I.—Offences under the Penal Code.						
Offences against the State.										
Chapter VI, Sections 121 to 130	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Army and Navy.										
Chapter VII, Sections 131 to 140	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against the Public Tranquillity.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 143 to 145, 149 to 151, 157, 158—Unlawful assembly	307	84	7	216	162	718	251	427	1	39
„ „ „ 147, 148, 152, and 153 to 156—Rioting, etc.	405	31	16	358	301	1,280	342	874	2	62
„ „ Section 160.—Affray	58	6	1	51	26	85	22	63	...	...
Offences by or relating to Public Servants.										
Chapter IX, Sections 161 to 169—By Public Servants	17	4	...	13	13	15	5	9	...	1
„ „ „ 161, 170, and 171—Relating to Public Servants	16	1	1	14	15	16	10	6	...	...
Contempts of the Lawful Authority of Public Servants.										
Chapter X, Sections 172 to 190	341	10	...	331	305	592	201	386	...	5
False Evidence and Offences against Public Officers.										
Chapter XI, Sections 193 to 200—False Evidence, Subornation, etc., of Public Servants	57	9	...	48	39	47	26	18	...	3
„ „ „ 201 to 229.—Offences against Public Justice	288	16	1	271	250	334	110	206	2	16
Offences relating to Coin and Government Stamps.										
Chapter XII, Sections 231 to 254—Offences relating to Coin	33	...	2	31	25	30	19	11	...	...
„ „ „ 255 to 263—Offences relating to Stamps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences relating to Weights and Measures.										
Chapter XIII, Sections 264 to 267	46	2	...	44	36	40	13	27	...	...
Offences affecting the Public Health, Safety, Convenience, Decency and Morals.										
Chapter XIV, Sections 269 to 278—Offences affecting public health	57	5	...	52	52	76	16	60	...	...
„ „ „ 279 to 289—Ditto ditto safety	103	41	2	60	43	51	16	35	...	...
„ „ „ 290 and 291—Ditto ditto convenience	39	6	...	33	25	43	7	36	...	...
„ „ „ 292 to 294—Ditto ditto decency and morals	11	1	1	9	7	12	4	7	...	1
„ „ Section 294A—Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals for lottery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

	Offences relating to Religion.										
Chapter XV,	Sections 295 to 298	5	...	...	5	3	7	4	...	...	3
	Offences affecting the human body.										
Chapter XVI,	Sections 302 and 303—Murder	43	...	...	43	30	61	36	4	...	21
,, ,,	Section 307—Attempt at murder	8	...	...	8	6	7	3	3	...	1
,, ,,	,, 304—Culpable homicide	33	...	2	31	24	46	19	8	1	18
,, ,,	,, 304A—Causing death by rash or negligent act	23	...	2	21	16	19	9	10	...	...
,, ,,	,, 308—Attempt at culpable homicide	2	...	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	2
,, ,,	Sections 305 and 306—Abetment of suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	Section 309—Attempted suicide	35	...	...	35	29	31	6	22	1	2
,, ,,	,, 311—Thuggee, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	Sections 312 to 315—Causing miscarriage	3	2	..	1	1	4	4	...	..	...
,, ,,	Section 316—Injury to unborn children	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 317—Exposure of infants	13	8	1	4	1	1	1	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 318—Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	1	..	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...
,, ,,	Sections 325 to 331, and 333—Hurt with aggravating circumstances	120	3	3	114	90	172	53	91	3	25
,, ,,	,, 323, 324, 332, and 334 to 338—Other cases	1,354	224	15	1,115	644	1,017	469	514	...	34
,, ,,	Section 341—Wrongful restraint	146	57	4	85	65	143	63	76	...	4
,, ,,	Sections 342 to 348—Wrongful confinement	625	244	41	340	179	417	248	144	...	25
,, ,,	,, 352 to 358—Criminal force or assault	6,112	1,744	77	4,291	2,253	3,232	1,490	1,695	1	46
,, ,,	,, 364, 366, 367—Kidnapping or forcible abduction with aggravating circumstances	22	11	2	9	4	18	18	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 363, 365, 368, and 369—Other cases	182	92	11	79	34	53	32	20	...	1
,, ,,	,, 370 and 371—Slavery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 372 and 373—Buying or selling a minor for the purpose of prostitution	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	Section 374—Forced labour	3	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
,, ,,	,, 376—Rape	34	7	12	15	10	18	11	3	...	4
,, ,,	,, 377—Unnatural offence	37	1	10	26	13	13	3	9	...	1
	Offences against Property.										
Chapter XVII,	Section 382—Theft with aggravating circumstances	327	53	48	226	124	176	73	101	...	2
,, ,,	Sections 379 to 381, and 401—Other cases	4,055	731	352	2,969	1,419	2,126	847	1,179	2	98
,, ,,	,, 386 to 389—Extortion with aggravating circumstances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 384 and 385—Other cases	105	60	3	42	31	50	39	11	...	...
,, ,,	Section 394—Robbery—With hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 392—Robbery—Other cases	23	1	10	12	9	26	15	6	...	5
,, ,,	,, 393—Robbery—Attempts	2	...	1	1	1	2	...	2	..	...
,, ,,	,, 396—Dacoity—With murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 397—Dacoity—With attempt to cause death or grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
,, ,,	,, 398—Dacoity—Attempted robbery or dacoity when armed with deadly weapon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
,, ,,	Sections 395, 399, 400, and 402—Dacoity—Other cases	8	...	2	6	5	21	8	1	2	10
,, ,,	,, 403 and 404—Criminal misappropriation of property	429	235	1	193	126	176	92	82	...	2
,, ,,	,, 406 to 409—Criminal breach of trust	367	160	17	190	113	149	82	64	1	2
,, ,,	,, 411 to 414—Receiving or habitually dealing in stolen or plundered property	305	2	8	295	279	414	139	264	1	10
,, ,,	,, 417 to 420—Cheating	286	172	4	110	86	116	74	39	...	3
,, ,,	,, 421 to 424—Fraudulent deeds or disposition of property	5	2	...	3	2	3	3	...	...	..
,, ,,	,, 429 to 433 and 435 to 440—Mischief—With aggravating circumstances	384	53	21	310	133	220	136	70	...	14
,, ,,	,, 426 to 428, and 434—Mischief—Other cases	1,381	642	14	725	459	684	360	313	...	11

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					I.—Offences under the Penal Code.					
Offences against Property—contd.										
Chapter XVII, Sections 459 and 460—Criminal Trespass—Resulting in death or grievous hurt	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
„ „ „ 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457, and 458—Criminal Trespass—For commission of serious offences	1,224	14	141	1,069	187	283	91	172	...	20
„ „ „ 447, 448, 453, 456, 461, and 462—Criminal Trespass—Other cases	1,597	584	48	965	601	1,040	574	430	1	35
Offences relating to Documents and to Trade or Property Mark.										
Chapter XVIII, Sections 465 to 471, and 474—Forgery or uttering or possessing forged documents or papers	23	14	1	8	6	11	8	1	...	2
„ „ „ 472 to 476—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a counterfeit seal etc., for purposes of forgery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Section 477—Fraudulently destroying or defacing a Will or other document	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Sections 482, 486, 487, and 488—Using a false trade or property mark and knowingly selling property so marked	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ „ 483 to 485—Counterfeiting or making or possessing a die, plate or instrument for counterfeiting trade or property mark	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ Section 489—Removing, destroying, etc., a trade or property mark with intent to cause injury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal Breach of Contracts and Service.										
Chapter XIX, Sections 490 to 492	7	2	...	5	3	5	2	3	...	...
Offences relating to Marriage.										
Chapter XX, Sections 493 to 498	645	401	6	238	133	183	145	28	1	9
Defamation.										
Chapter XXI, Sections 500 to 502	194	103	4	87	70	87	63	21	...	3
Criminal Intimidation, Insult or Annoyance.										
Chapter XXII, Section 506—The threat being to cause death or other grievous hurt	64	18	...	46	31	43	21	22	...	...
„ „ Sections 504 to 510—Other cases	402	199	4	199	128	154	82	71	...	1
Total of Offences under the Penal Code	22,415	6,061	897	15,457	8,651	14,573	6,367	7,646	19	541

				II.—Offences under Special and Local Laws.						
Code of Criminal Procedure.										
Chapter VIII, Sections 107, 108, 119—Security for Keeping the Peace	320	155	1	154	86	225	121	101	...	3
" " " 109, 110—Security for Good Behaviour	132	6	1	125	97	122	5	60	2	1
Other Laws—relating to										
Arms and Ammunition Act, XI of 1878	412	1	...	411	385	410	37	363	1	9
Cattle Trespass Act, I of 1877	1,525	340	31	1,154	708	1,213	547	650	2	14
Contract (Workmen) Act, XIII of 1859	669	31	...	638	268	306	89	209	...	8
Cruelty to Animals Act, I of 1869	31	...	...	31	26	33	5	28	...	...
Elephant Preservation Act	7	...	...	7	7	13	4	6	...	3
Emigration (Inland) Acts, VII of 1873, I of 1882	1,157	20	...	1,137	851	1,264	114	1,140	...	10
Excise Act, VII of 1878	582	3	3	576	553	650	87	552	1	10
Explosives Act, IV of 1884	3	...	...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Ferry Act, XVII of 1878	144	30	1	113	76	102	45	56	...	1
Fishery Act, II of 1889 (B.C.)	141	36	2	103	59	157	89	66	...	2
Forests Act, VII of 1878	113	1	1	111	101	263	76	184	...	3
Frontier District Regulation, No. V of 1873	6	...	...	6	6	20	5	15	...	—
Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, I of 1873	3	...	...	3	3	6	2	4	...	...
Gambling Act, II of 1867	17	...	...	17	15	78	18	58	...	2
Inner Line Regulation	2	...	...	2	2	8	1	7	...	...
Jail Acts, II of 1864, V of 1865, XXVI of 1870	2	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Land and Revenue Regulation, I of 1886	7	...	...	7	7	13	4	9	...	...
Military Police Regulation, IV of 1890	3	...	...	3	3	3	1	2	...	...
Municipalities Act of 1876	908	7	1	900	837	892	119	773	...	...
Opium Act, I of 1878	113	...	1	112	102	115	33	80	1	1
Police (District) Act, V of 1861	840	1	...	839	831	966	113	849	2	2
Police (Rural) Act, I of 1883	207	...	...	207	172	188	20	168	—	...
Post Office Act, XIV of 1866	3	1	—	2	2	2	1	...	...	1
Prisons Acts, II of 1882 and XXVI of 1870	4	1	...	3	3	3	1	2	...	...
Railway Act, IV of 1879	25	...	...	25	21	33	4	28	...	1
Registration of Births and Deaths Act, II of 1873	105	1	...	104	84	92	13	79	...	...
Registration of Documents Act, III of 1877	3	1	...	2	2	7	2	5	...	...
Stamps Act, I of 1879	67	2	...	65	62	73	11	62	...	...
Telegraph Act, I of 1876	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Treasure Trove Act	2	...	...	2	2	3	...	3	...	...
Vaccination Act, V of 1880	15	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	—	...
Total of Offences under Special Laws	7,568	637	42	6,889	5,376	7,266	1,621	5,564	9	72
GRAND TOTAL OF ALL OFFENCES	29,983	6,698	939	22,346	14,027	21,839	7,988	13,210	28	613

Annual Statement 3—(Criminal).

Statement of Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Criminal Procedure Code in the Province of Assam during 1892.

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS	TOTAL NUMBER DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR.		DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.			REMARKS.
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons		
				Discharged.	Convicted	
1. Proceedings against Witnesses under Chapter VI C and Section 485	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Proceedings under Chapter VIII to prevent Breach of the Peace	142	380	142	121	259	
3. Proceedings under Chapter VIII—Security for Good Behaviour	114	121	112	59	60	
4. Proceedings against Local Nuisances—Chapter X	37	91	37	36	55	
5. Possession—Chapter XII	6	...	6	...	...	
6. Non-attendance of Jurors or Assessors—Chapter XXIII, Section 332	5	6	5	5	1	
7. Maintenance—Chapter XXXVI	109	109	107	76	31	
8. Forfeiture of Bail or Recognizance under Chapter XLII	206	300	206	98	202	
9. Frivolous or vexatious complaints summarily dealt with under Chapter XLVI, Section 560	137	138	137	...	138	
TOTAL	756	1,145	752	395	746	

Annual Statement 4—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunals of various Classes in the Province of Assam in the year 1892.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER TRIAL.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.									NUMBER OF CASES						
	Remaining at the end of the previous year.	BROUGHT TO TRIAL DURING THE YEAR.						TOTAL.	Died, escaped, or transferred	Discharged or acquitted.	CONVICTED.				Committed or Referred.	Total of columns 11 to 16.	Persons under trial at the end of the year.	Brought to trial during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Entered in column 20 tried summarily.	Aggregate number of days during which the cases entered in column 20 lasted.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses examined.
		Under arrest by Police.	Upon Warrant.	On Summons.	Voluntarily.	Received on Commitment or reference.	Received by transfer				On Regular Trial		On summary Trial.											
											Appealable sentence passed.	Non-appealable sentence passed.	Appealable sentence passed.	Non appealable sentence passed.										
I.—MAGISTRATES.																								
Village Officers	..	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	.	.	.	.	..		..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Special Magistrate under Section 14	.		.	1	5		...	6	.	1	4	1	...		.	6	...	5	5	...	...	...	1	21
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Honorary Magistrates (2nd and 3rd class) sitting singly	32	127	132	1,442	7	.	...	1,740	1	715	1,015	...		..	..	1,730	9	1,025	1,035	7	..	9,238	8 9	4,362
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Honorary Magistrates (1st class) sitting singly	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Stipendiary Magistrates (2nd and 3rd class) sitting singly	117	1,389	2·6	1,977	73	..	..	3,942	4	1,584	2,096	5			41	3,706	132	2,520	2,505	70		24,349	9 7	9,668
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Stipendiary Magistrates (1st class) sitting singly	395	7,456	1,517	4,078	517	..	..	14,863	17	5,175	1,415	2,409	81	5,226	144	14,450	396	9,663	9,685	219	5,414	94,757	9 7	33,579
SUBORDINATE MAGISTRATES — Benches of Magistrates	...	...	..	..	...	..	.		...		.	.	..				...	...	..	...	...		...	..
District and Divisional Magistrates—Cases referred under Sections 347, 349		...		...	...	39	.	39	...	9	12	13	...	.	4	38	1	32	31	1	.	132	4 2	60
CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS — Under ordinary powers	63	786	121	272	61	21	.	1,324	3	434	179	161	4	505	12	1,295	26	796	796	23	413	6,858	8 6	2,281
CHIEF MAGISTRATES OF DISTRICTS — Under special powers under Section 34	2	50	...	...		...	...	52	...	11	15	3	.	...	15	44	8	38	33	7	..	434	13 1	174
TOTAL	609	9,808	2,056	8,670	663	60	.	21,866	25	7,909	4,736	2,592	85	5,731	216	21,269	572	14,079	14,080	327	5,827	135,773	9 6	50,135
II.—COURTS OF SESSION.																								
Assistant Judges	..	..		...	...	.	...	..	...	...		...	...	...	..	.	..	...	...	.	...	...		
Judges, Joint and Additional Judges	30	...	...	...	..	142	..	172	3	73	39	16	...	..	2	130	39	83	71	24	...	3,722	52·4	486
JUDGES — Cases referred by Deputy Commissioners under Section 34, C. P. C.	8	...	...	...	..	14	...	17		6	9	2		...	...	17	...	8	10	...	...	254	25 4	11
JUDGES — Cases referred by Assistant Judges under Section 31, C. P. C.		...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..		..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
TOTAL	33	...	...		...	156	..	189	3	79	48	18	...	...	2	147	39	91	81	24	...	3,976	49·09	497
III.—SUPERIOR COURTS OF GENERAL JURISDICTION.																								
HIGH COURT — Cases under Section 526, C P C.	...	..	..	...	..	.	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..		...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...
HIGH COURT — Cases committed by the Presidency Magistrates	...	..	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...		...	.	...	.	...	..		..
HIGH COURT — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 307, C P. C.	...	..	...		...	1	..	1	..	...	...				...	.	1	1	...	1	...		.	...
HIGH COURT — Cases referred by Sessions Judges under Section 374, C. P C.	...	...	...	...	.	1	...	1	...	...	...		.	.	...		1	1	.	1	..	...		...
TOTAL		.		...	...	2	.	2	...	...	...	.	...		...	..	2	2	...	2	.	...	...	.
GRAND TOTAL	642	9,808	2,056	8,670	663	218	..	22,057	28	7,988	4,784	2,610	85	5,731	218	21,416	613	14,172	14,171	353	5,827	139,749	9 84	50,632

Annual Statement 5—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Punishments Inflicted by the various Criminal Tribunals in the exercise of Original Jurisdiction in the year 1892.

| CLASS OF TRIBUNAL. | PERSONS SENTENCED TO | | | | | | | | | | | | PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE | | | PERSONS IMPRISONED IN DEFAULT OF SECURITY FOR GOOD BEHAVIOUR. | | DETAIL OF PUNISHMENTS. | | | | | | | | | | | |

Annual Statement 5 A—(Criminal).

Showing the particulars of Whippings inflicted by the Criminal Tribunals during 1892.

PART I.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Sections 2 and 3, Act VI, 1864, in lieu of other Punishment.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	NUMBER OF STRIPES AWARDED.												TOTAL.
	5 and under.		6 to 10.		11 to 15.		16 to 20.		21 to 25.		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction.	2nd or subsequent Conviction.	
IN LIEU OF OTHER PUNISHMENT. (SECTIONS 2 AND 30, ACT VI, 1864.)													
1. Theft, as defined in . . . Section 378, I. P. C.	5	...	23	...	36	...	38	1	3	...	8	2	116
„ 380 „ .	1	...	20	...	47	...	23	...	6	..	6	...	103
„ 381 „ .	1	...	10	...	10	...	11	1	4	...	....	...	37
„ 382 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in . . „ 388 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 389 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in . . „ 411 „ .	1	...	9	...	9	...	8	...	5	...	5	2	39
„ 412 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in „ 443 „ .	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
5. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 444 „ .	...	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	8
6. House-breaking, as defined in . „ 445 „ .	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
7. Ditto by night, as defined in „ 446 „ .	...	...	2	...	1	2	3	1	3	...	...	1	13
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880 . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL .	8	...	66	...	107	2	91	3	21	...	19	5	322

PART II

Showing Whippings inflicted in addition to other punishments, Sections 3 and 4, Act VI, 1864.

OFFENCES FOR WHICH AWARDED.	Number of stripes						Total.
	5 and under.	6 to 10.	11 to 15.	16 to 20.	21 to 25.	26 to 30.	
IN ADDITION TO OTHER PUNISHMENTS							
(Sections 3 and 4)							
A —Section 3 —							
1 Theft, as defined in Section 378, I P. C.	...	...	...	1	1	1	3
" 380 "	...	1	1	3	1	...	6
" 381 "	...	...	...	1	...	1	2
" 382 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2. Extortion, as defined in " 388 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 389 "	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
3. Dishonestly receiving stolen property, as defined in " 411 "	...	...	1	...	1	2	4
" 412 "	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
4. Lurking house-trespass, as defined in " 443 "	...	...	3	...	...	..	3
5. Ditto by night, as defined in " 444 "	..	...	...	...	...	1	1
6. House-breaking, as defined in " 445 "	...	..	..	...	...	..	...
7. Ditto by night, as defined in " 446 "	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
8. Offence under Section 14, Act III, 1880	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
B —Section 4.—							
1. False evidence, as defined in Section 193, I. P. C.	...	...	.	.	..	...	...
" 194 "	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
" 195 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 False charge of unnatural offence, as defined in " 211 " and " 377 "	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3 Assault, as defined in " 354 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Rape, as defined in " 375 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Unnatural offence, as defined in " 377 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Robbery, as defined in " 390 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7 Dacoity, as defined in " 391 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Attempt at robbery, as defined in " 393 "	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Hurt in committing robbery, as defined in " 394 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10. Receiving stolen property, as defined in " 413 "	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
11 Forgery, as defined in " 463 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 466 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 467 "	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
" 468 "	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
" 469 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12 Lurking house-trespass, as defined in " 413 "	...	...	...	.	...	...	...
13. Ditto by night, as defined in " 444 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. House-breaking, as defined in " 445 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Ditto by night, as defined " 446 "	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Total	..	1	5	5	3	8	22

PART III.

Showing Whippings inflicted under Section 5, Act VI, 1864, on Juveniles for offences other than those specified in Parts I and II.

OFFENCE.	Stripes												Total.
	5 and under		6 to 10		11 to 15.		16 to 20		21 to 25		26 to 30.		
	1st Conviction	Subsequent Conviction	1st Conviction	Subsequent Conviction.	1st Conviction	Subsequent Conviction	1st Conviction	Subsequent Conviction	1st Conviction	Subsequent Conviction	1st Conviction.	Subsequent Conviction.	
Section 35, Act VII of 1891		.		..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 193, Indian Penal Code	...	.	1		...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	1
„ 224 „ „ „	...	..	..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 279 „ „ „	1		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 323 „ „ „	.	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
„ 352 „ „ „	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 377 „ „ „	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	4
„ 381 „ „ „	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ 429 „ „ „	...	. .	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 454 „ „ „	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ 456 „ „ „	...		...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total	2	...	4	1	3	...	3	...	1	...	2	...	16

PART IV.

Showing relative number of times Whipping was awarded, as compared with other Punishments.

PUNISHMENTS	Number.	Remarks.
1. Total number of whippings awarded	360	
2. Total number of other punishments in cases in which whipping might have been inflicted	1,360	
3. Total of punishment in cases in which whipping might have been awarded (total of 1 and 2)	1,720	
4. Percentage of whippings on total number of all punishments (percentage of heading 1 on heading 2)	20 9	

Annual Statement 6—(Criminal).

Statement showing the Result of Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases in the Province of Assam during the year 1892.

CLASS OF TRIBUNAL		Number of persons											Number of cases.		
		Total number of Appellants and Applicants for revision, including pending from previous year	Died, escaped, transferred	Appeals or Applications rejected.	Sentence or order confirmed	Sentence enhanced	Sentence reduced or order otherwise altered	Reversed	Proceedings quashed.	New trial or further enquiry ordered.	Referred to the High Court for revision.	Total whose cases were disposed of, including entries in columns 4 to 11	Remaining at the end of the year.	Preferred during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.
APPEALS.																
To	From															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	787	...	88	401	...	95	143	7	2	...	736	51	436	433	23
Courts of Session	Magistrates	856	...	101	386	...	127	228	...	1	..	843	12	498	509	12
	Assistant Judges	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts — by persons convicted	Presidency Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Deputy Commissioners acting under Section 34, C. P. C.	4	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	.	...	3	...	2	2	...
	Sessions Judges	46	...	22	9	...	1	9	...	...	...	41	5	35	32	4
Superior Courts — by Government from judgments of acquittal, Section 417	All Courts		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	1,693	1	211	798	...	224	380	7	3	...	1,623	68	971	976	39
REVISION.																
By	Of order of															
District Magistrates	Subordinate Magistrates	108	...	77	228	...	1	29	...	101	1	437	11	194	196	3
Courts of Session	Magistrates	272	...	392	...	...	...	12	...	119	73	596	30	205	204	13
High Court (cases referred for Orders under Sections 432, 438).	Magistrates	81	...	...	21	1	5	40	...	8	...	75	6	24	25	2
High Court cases dealt with under Section 435.	Magistrates	95	...	71	8	...	3	10	..	...	...	92	3	36	34	3
	Courts of Session	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	*556	...	540	257	1	9	91	...	228	74	1,200	50	459	459	21
	GRAND TOTAL	2,249	1	751	1,055	1	233	471	7	231	74	2,823	118	1,430	1,435	60

* Besides these there were 624 accused persons, against whom applications for revision were made. These persons, though not shown in this column, are shown in the other columns exhibiting the results of such applications.

Annual Statement 7—(Criminal).

Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the Province of Assam in the year 1892.

Classes of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessor in each case, and prescribed qualification.	Number of cases tried by Jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	JURY TRIALS.					ASSESSORS' TRIALS.			Remarks.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.		Number of persons of the verdict in respect to whom the Judge disapproved.		Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from		
					Wholly.	Partially.	Whose cases he referred under Sec. 307, C. P. C.	Whose cases he did not refer under Sec. 307, C. P. C.		One Assessor.	Both Assessors.	
Magistrates' Courts under Chapter X, C. P. C. } Jurors	Five Jurors	20	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts of Session { Jurors	Five Jurors' and two Assessors' qualifications as described in Chapter XXIII, Code of Criminal Procedure.	18	...	15	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	All offences, including abetments and attempts, falling under Chapters VIII, XI, XVI, XVII and XVIII of the Indian Penal Code, are tried by Jury in the Assam Valley Districts. Other cases in these Districts, and all cases in Sylhet and Cachar, are tried with the aid of Assessors.
Courts of Session { Assessors		...	48	...	...	...	...	...	31	10	7	
Total	...	38	48	35	1	2	1	2	31	10	7	

Annual Statement 8—(Criminal).

Statement showing the General Result of the Trial of European British Subjects in the Province of Assam in the year 1892.

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENCE.	NUMBER OF PERSONS ACCUSED AND BROUGHT BEFORE A MAGISTRATE.								PERSONS WHOSE CASES WERE DISPOSED OF														NUMBER OF CASES.						SUBSIDIARY TABLE.			
		WITHIN THE YEAR.							BY DISTRICT MAGISTRATES AND OTHER FIRST CLASS MAGISTRATES.						BY COURTS OF SESSION.			BY HIGH COURT			TOTAL FOR ALL COURTS.											
	Remaining at the close of the previous year	On complaint, Section 191 (a), Criminal Procedure Code.	On Police Report, Section 191 (b) of the Code.	By Magistrate suo motu, Section 191 (c) of the Code.	On transfer from another District or Province.	TOTAL.	Died, escaped, or transferred to other Districts or Provinces.	Number actually brought to trial.	Received by transfer under Section 461 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Committed. To Court of Session.	Committed. To High Court.	Committed. Transferred by order under Section 461 B of the Code.	Total omitting entries in columns 10 and 15.	Received by transfer under Section 461 B of the Code.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Transferred to High Court under Section 349 of the Code.	Total exclusive of column 17.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Total.	Convicted.	Acquitted or discharged.	Total.	Number of persons under trial at the close of the year.	Brought to trial.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court for an order under Section 466 of the Code.	Of those entered in column 6, number who applied under Section 2, Act III of 1884, for transfer or committal of their cases.	Number of persons who applied to the High Court under Section 526 of the Code for the transfer of their cases.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Offences affecting the human body, Chapter XVI, Indian Penal Code . .	Hurt . . .	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	5	..	2	3	.	..		5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	...	4	4	...	...	...	..		
	Wrongful restraint and wrongful confinement .	...	...	2	...	...	2		2	...	1	1	...	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...		
	Criminal force and assault . .	1	18	...	...	...	19	...	19	...	10	9		...	...	19	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	10	9	19	...	19	19	...	...	...	...		
Offences against properties, Chapter XVII . .	Criminal misappropriation .	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	.	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
	Mischief . .	1	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	1	1	.	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
	Criminal Trespass	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
Offences relating to documents and to trade and property marks, Chapter XVIII		...	1	...	...	..	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
Offences relating to marriage, Chapter XX		...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
Criminal intimidation, insult or annoyance, Chapter XXII . . .		...	1	..	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...		
Special Law		...	2	..	1	...	3	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...		
TOTAL .	2	31	2	1	...	36	...	36	...	18	18	...	...	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	18	36	...	34	35	...	...	...	...		

SUBSIDIARY TABLE.

35							36			
OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS SHOWN IN							OF CASES SHOWN IN COLUMN 30.			
COLUMN 16.			COLUMN 21.		COLUMNS 21 AND 24.		DISPOSED OF BY MAGISTRATES.		DISPOSED OF BY SESSIONS JUDGES.	
Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 461A (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number of those in column 36 (1) whose cases were transferred under Section 461 of the Code.	Number who claimed a mixed number of assessors, Section 461 (2) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Number who claimed to be tried by a mixed Jury, Section 461 (1) of the Code.	Number who did not so claim.	Being European British Subjects.	Other than European British Subjects.	Being European British Subjects.	Other than European British Subjects.
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